

injuries following a
horrific rush-hour car
crash.

Porsche was being treated
at Wythenshawe Hospital
8.07am on Monday, Sep-

passengers, an 11-year-old

'Art saved my life' - pal of Oasis star has brush with success

GABRIELLA SWERLING

upgrade his equipment,
and then to buy a studio
flat.

He added: "When I was
painting on the streets, my
hands were so numb from
the cold that the paint
froze on the brush. Art has
tried to push its way into
my life the whole time, and
I've just ignored it. Art's
saved my life. I'm so, so
grateful to all these peo-
ple."

The event at 2022NQ in
the Northern Quarter,
which also celebrated the
launch of Mr Smith's
career, raised around
£500 for Mustard Tree,
the Ardwick homeless
charity.

John Macaulay, 37,
organised the event and
arranged for materials to
be supplied with the sup-
port of Fred Aldous art
shop.

Liam Gallagher's child-
hood friend gave his sup-
port to homeless people at
a charity art event.

Withington-born Jay
Smith, 42, grew up in Bur-
nage with Oasis star Liam
but quickly spiralled into
drugs, prison, and home-
lessness.

He said: "All my mates
are either dead or in jail.
Liam was lucky to get out,
he escaped when it was all
turning dark. I was in
prison when he shook the
world."

But Mr Smith says he
'found himself through art
and started a new life.

He began selling his art
on Market Street after
being rejected by local gal-
leries. And eventually he
earned enough money to



GIVING BACK Artists gathered for the event in the Northern Quarter to help support the Mustard Tree and launch the career of Jay Smith, (inset) who says art saved his life
Photos by Elspeth Moore

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