



## Sponsorship Sought for Art Therapy Workshop for People with Autism

The Community Arts Council, Inc. of Kankakee County (CAC), Kankakee Valley Autism, Nucor, and Kilbride Family Classic have partnered to offer professional art therapy for people with autism. Beginning in January 2014, Holly DeRosa Walejeski, a licensed art therapist, and her intern have taught 9 sessions of art, 3 Saturdays in January, 3 Saturdays in April, and 3 days in August with all of the therapy to make it both fun and productive for people on the autism spectrum. Sessions have been held at the Arts Center, home of the CAC, in Northfield Square Mall.

About 25 local children from 8 to 24 years old have participated. During the therapy sessions, a Parent's Café was held in the front of the Arts Center for the parents to interact and share with other parents who face similar challenges of having a child with Autism. This has been an amazing opportunity for the children and their parents. By sharing a common interest in art, some of the children have friends for the first time, and they have art work of which they are very proud. Parents reported that they would not think of skipping a session because their child had been anticipating each session with such excitement. Outside of school there is no other activity modified for people with Autism in this area.

The plan designed by parents, professionals, and volunteers was to have art therapy every three months to form an on-going year long program. We would like for local sponsors to help keep the program alive by funding one day at \$600. So the day would be Your Name Monday, Local Business Tuesday, etc.

All promotional material and articles concerning this program will contain your name and logo in exchange for your generosity.

Could you sponsor one day of Art Therapy for People with Autism for \$600?

<p> <input type="radio"/> I would like to sponsor one day of Art Therapy for \$600.  <input type="radio"/> I can only sponsor ½ day at \$300.         </p> <p>           Please call the day _____ (day of the week).  <small>Name of your business</small> </p> <p>           Address _____            Email _____            Phone number _____ Name of contact: _____         </p> <p>           I would like to pay by:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Check made out to Community Arts Council of Kankakee County, a 501(c)(3) non-profit</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Credit card, Type of card _____, Expiration Date _____                Number on Card _____, code on back _____</li> </ul> </p> <p>           Signature _____         </p>
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