Client Spotlight >>>>

Tonya has only been with Lifelong Learning Day Program for only a short time. Tonya enjoys the Art Program and enjoys the interaction she has with staff and her peers. She has been doing crafts since she was 15 years old. She also enjoys making candles, soap, posters, and has recently made a quilt.

When not making crafts, she enjoys watching Little House on the Prairie. Her favorite movies are Freddy vs. Jason and the Green Mile. She also enjoys listening to music. She is a fan of Country, Blue Grass, and gospel. Tonya’s grandparents introduced her to Gospel music and she’s been a fan ever since. Her favorite artists are Prince, Boy George, Kenny Chesney, and Johnny Cash. She is also a big fan of Elvis. She was able to visit Graceland where she purchased many souvenirs including an Elvis bowling ball. Tonya shares her home with her dog, Marbles, and her cat Shirley. Some day she hopes to have a parrot.

She is hoping that what she learns at Stone Belt can help her achieve her ultimate goal of opening her own craft shop. Welcome Tonya to the Day Program!

Interviewed by: Sam, Zoe, Jamie, Zech, Allan, and Kim

April S.T.E.P. Calendar
3rd – Library
10th – Breakfast at Skooters (minimum $5.00)
17th – Guest speaker (Lauren Fox) Employment Coordinator
24th – Public Transportation/Safety Awareness

Mark your calendars!

- ATTENTION!! The Open House and Art Show is on April 4th from 5p - 7p. The theme for the show is Space Junk. The ”out of this world ” artwork will be on sale for the public. EVERYONE is invited. Hope to see you there!

Information

- Special thanks for understanding that we open our doors at 9am. We really appreciate it!
- Every Tuesday, Beginning April 16th through May 21st, Stone Belt is excited to announce the ”Art Abilities Visual Arts” program for High School Students. Cost is $120 for the 6 week program; Medicaid waiver funding also accepted.

Reminder

- Please remember when bringing clients into Day Program to sign-in, and leave a valid phone number to contact in case of an emergency, Thanks!

Typed by: Neisha & Jennifer

Tonya’s friends said:

“Tonya’s nice.”
“Tonya’s a good friend.”
“Tonya loves to do Art.”
“Tonya’s very talented.”

<<< Who’s Who?

Loretta graduated from Ball State University and has worked in this field since graduation. Loretta has been with Stone Belt for 3 ½ years. She is the SLP coordinator and oversees supported living homes in Columbus and Seymour. She is responsible for training staff in their duties, and ensuring clients are in a healthy and safe environment.

When not at work, Loretta enjoys spending time with her family. She also enjoys reading, seeing Nicholas Spark’s movies. She also enjoys watching I.U. basketball and Indianapolis Colts. Loretta lived in Colorado for 5 years. Looking out her back door she could see Pikes Peak.

Loretta loves doing activities with the clients, such as concerts, going to football and basketball games, and most of all, seeing clients participate and succeed in their communities.

Interviewed by: Sam and Tonya

Typed by: Sam

Things people said about Loretta

“Loretta’s friendly with us.”
“Loretta enjoys sports.”
“Loretta likes honesty.”
“Loretta’s a nice person.”
**ARTICLE from THE REPUBLIC**

By: Brian Blair

**MEET THE ARTIST**

– Kim Craig

Art became Kim Craig’s route out of the depression of dealing with her debilitating cerebral palsy that forces her to use a wheelchair for mobility. The bright designs she could paint on canvas brought light to sometimes otherwise dark days.

“It made me feel like I had gotten something worthwhile accomplished,” Craig said.

Art appreciators can get a firsthand look at the 51-year-old Craig’s work at two upcoming exhibits: the “Works of Arc” event today, Friday and Saturday at various times at the office of disability-advocacy agency The Arc, 2060 Doctors Park Drive; and 5 to 7 p.m. April 4 at the offices of nonprofit, disability-oriented agency Stone Belt, 1531 13th St.

Pieces will be sold at the show at Stone Belt, where Craig began art activities five years ago in Lifelong Learning Program. That sale element is important for budding artists such as herself.

After all, she sold her first piece, a three-dimensional fabric and yard work, “Living on the Edge,” for $175. Other pieces she’s completed recently included a pastel-and-water mixed drip painting, and a blown-ink work.

In the past, Columbus painter Paul Neufelder, who taught art at Stone Belt and uses a wheelchair, inspired her. One of the larger, more creative works hanging in an office wall at the agency features Craig’s wheelchair tire mark streaking diagonally across the free-form work almost like a Nike logo.

**Inspirational Quote:**

“*Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.*”

- Albert Einstein

**HA HA HA**

Where should a 500 pound alien go?
- On a diet!

What did the paper say to the pencil?
- Write on!

Typed by: Neisha

**MAKE A WISH**

- Chris B.
- Mark C.
- Nick F.

Picture chosen by: Kim

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

**HOW COOL IS THAT?!**

**History around Bartholomew County**

So what is the story oh the “GRAVE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD?”

At age 14, Nancy Kerlin Barnett married William Barnett in 1808. William was the great, great, great, grandson on Pocahontas and John Rolfe. They lived near the present day community of Amity, Which is on U.S. 31. When Nancy died in 1831 at age 38, she was buried at one of her favorite places on a small rise east of Sugar Creek. Over the years, several others were also buried in what became a small cemetery.

Later on, a foot path developed through the small cemetery. When the county decided to relocate the graves for a county road improvement, her grandson, Daniel G. Doty, protected her gravesite by staying there with his gun in hate to prevent relocation. It worked. In 1912, a concrete slab was placed over the grave and marker. A historical marker was placed at the site in 1982 by her great, great, grandson Kenneth F. Blackwell and his son Richard Blackwell.

Today, the grave is still in the middle of the road. Each end of the hill is marked with a highway sign for a divided road. On the sign, where the median would normally be, is a cross designating the grave. So, if this unique bit of Americana seems interesting, check it out.

**Getting There:** Go to the Edinburgh exit, and go north on U.S. 31 to County Road 400 South.

Courtesy of: www.checkoutindiana.com Topic chosen by: Kim, Allan, Zech, Terry, Sam
DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR OUR PLANET!!

The April 22 Earth Day is usually celebrated with outdoor performances, where individuals or groups perform acts of service to Earth. Typical ways of observing Earth Day include planting trees, picking up roadside trash, conducting various programs for recycling and conservation, using recyclable containers for snacks and lunches. Some people are encouraged to sign petitions to governments, calling for stronger or immediate action to stop global warming and to reverse environmental destruction. Television stations frequently air programs dealing with environmental issues.

WHAT DOES EARTH DAY MEAN TO YOU?

“A healthier and cleaner environment.” - Jennifer
“Pick up trash and recycle.” - Brittany
“To help people around the community.” - Bob
“To clean up the Earth.” – Allan
“Making sure to recycle trash. “ – Jamie
“Riding a bike.” - Neisha

Hand In Hand Program was brought to Columbus from from Bloomington, by Day Program staff Christen C, and a client in June 2012. Since then, it has continued to be a volunteer program that Stone Belt is happy to be part of. Donations are donated by Stone Belt staff and community, where the items are usually picked up at their homes by the clients. There are approximately six stops where the clients pick the food up. It started with Stone Belt staff donating, and has since expanded into the community. After the donations are picked up, they are taken to the Salvation Army food bank.

Funny Clip of the Month

Provided by: www.funnylol.com

Question of the Month

IF YOU COULD HAVE A SUPER POWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE, AND WHY?

“I’d want to fly, because it would be fun!” – Jamie
“Seeing through walls, to see what other people are doing.” – Jennifer
“I’d want to fly, so I could fly over people.” - Neisha
“To be invisible, so I could sneak into places.” – Zech
“I’d be a volcano, if someone would make me mad, I’d explode.” – Bob
“I would want to fly, because I just do.” – Allan
“I’d want to fly, it looks a lot easier than walking.” – J. T.
“To make webs, like Spider Man, so I could swing around.” – Chris
“To be able to remember everything, because I would be able to answer everyone’s questions.” – Pat
“To be able to fly, so I could go to the places I want.” - Sam

Typed by: Sam

YUM!

CULINARY ARTS MENU

4th
- Open House/Art Show
11th
- April Fools
18th
- Sandwiches / Mixed Veggies
25th
- Sloppy Joes with Turkey / Sweet Potato Fries

Typed by: Jennifer & Renata

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THIS IS A MUST! FEATURED ARTIST SHOWCASE

JUSTIN PHILLIPS

Justin’s sense of expression uses shapes, color, and design in refreshing ways which ignite the imagination. Justin enjoys drawing and especially painting. Textiles have become a favorite medium for Justin to work with.

FEATURED ARTIST SHOWCASE
Friday, April 5th, 5 – 7:30
107 West 9th Street - Bloomington, IN

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S.T.E.P. Fire Station Visit

In March, the S.T.E.P. Program went to the Wayne Township Volunteer Fire Department. They learned about the different fire engines, and their different uses, and also got to look inside many of them. They also learned about the daily routines at the Fire Department, and also took a tour of the facility, including the conference room where they have many of their trainings.

APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

The aim of this month is to educate the public about autism. Autism is a complex mental condition and developmental disability, characterized by difficulties in the way a person communicates and interacts with other people. Autism can be present from birth or for during early childhood. Autism is a lifelong Developmental disability with no single known cause.

Autism Facts & Stats
- Autism affects 1-88 children
- Boys are four times more likely to have autism than girls.
- Autism greatly varies from person to person. (no two people with autism are alike.)
- Autism is the fastest growing developmental, yet most underfunded.

Courtesy of: www.nationalautismassociation.com

The Arc of Bartholomew County CALENDAR OF EVENTS for APRIL

- “Connect with the Community”, The Arc’s Membership Drive, all month. contact The Arc to join or renew your membership this month
- Self Advocates of Tomorrow Officers & Board Meeting, Tuesday, April 2, 6 pm
- The Autism Network, Thursday, April 4
- “First Friday”, Friday, April 5, 4–6 pm at Kids Commons, Disability Awareness activities and fun
- Scenes of Inclusion Disability Film Series featuring The Horse Boy, Monday, April 8, 6:30 pm, YES Cinema, Downtown Columbus. Admission is Free.
- Columbus Area Down Syndrome Support Group, Thursday, April 11, 6:30 pm
- The Arc Supports Autism Walk, Sunday, April 14 at the Columbus East High School track.
- Self Advocates of Tomorrow Membership Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 6 pm.
- A cookout for all graduating seniors from Bartholomew County High Schools
- “Thank an Educator Day”, The Autism Support Group, Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 pm, Parkside
- The Arc Bartholomew County Board Meeting, Wednesday, April 17, 6:15 pm.
- “Special Education/Article 7 Training”, Saturday, April 20, 10:30, lunch provided
- The Arc’s 4th Thursday, presented by the Columbus Autism Network, Thursday, April 25, 6 pm

All activities, unless noted, will occur at The Arc Center, 2060 Doctors Park Drive Columbus, Indiana 47203 For more information call The Arc at 812-372-0610 or email thearc@rbc@yahoo.com

For More Information Call Lifelong Learning Coordinator Pat Baker at 812.376.7149 or visit www.stonebelt.org