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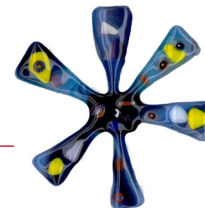
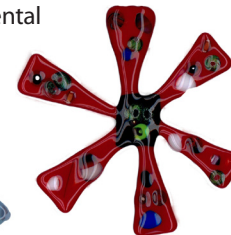
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A newsletter about Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities programs, supports and staff

Developing self-employment opportunities

Butler County has been one of six host sites state-wide for an employment grant funded by the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission (ORSC) and administered by Griffin Hammis Associates. The grant has offered training and funding locally to create employment and opportunities for adults with significant developmental disabilities.

Through partnership with ORSC and Griffin Hammis Associates, the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities has trained providers to be certified for "Customized Employment." The providers have been able to do assessments and develop small businesses for individuals and implement the process of customized employment and micro-enterprise services.

To date, nine individuals have developed their own business plans or are in the process of doing so: a wheelchair repair/sales business, a vending machine business, a jewelry design and sales

business, an art and spiritual novelty sales business, a massage therapy business, a background check business and a collectible toy business.

Also, Carol Buckner of Buckner Employment Service and Training has developed a self-employment opportunity for one individual and a business within a business for another individual.

Jarrold Arencibia, 27, took his love of photography and now owns his own freelance videography business. He has filmed various training videos and documentaries and made a promotional video for the Griffin Hammis state-wide employment initiative. Jarrold went to different sites around the state to film individuals as they worked to develop their businesses.

One local site Jarrold filmed was the business of Steven Webster. Steven, 24, owns a business within a business: he has workshop space inside MidTown Cabinets

in Middletown. Currently he's making bat houses, which will be installed along the bike trail to keep the mosquito population down. He also makes wishing wells and karate boards.

Carol's work as Jarrold and Steven's employment provider includes finding opportunities for them to grow their businesses and to help secure grants and funding for equipment and supplies. In 2012 Steven will be making wishing wells to be used for an art installation project in West Chester called 'West Chester Wishes You Well.'

Jarrold is available for freelance videography work; contact Carol Buckner at (513) 518-8581. For more information about Steven's woodwork and information about purchasing his items visit his web site: www.stevenswoodshop.com.

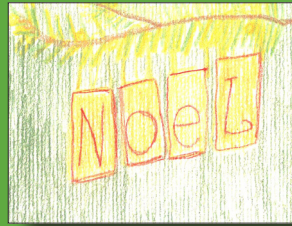
For information about the other businesses developed through the grant, contact Mark Miller at (513) 867-5960 ext. 106.



Jarrold Arencibia (left) films Steven Webster at MidTown Cabinets in Middletown. Steven is standing by his display that will hold handmade wooden bat houses.

Holiday cards, ornaments and calendars for sale

InsideOut Studio is selling holiday cards, ornaments and calendars.



Holiday cards come in an assorted pack of 10 for \$10 or special orders of your favorite design.

Glass ornaments in a variety of sizes (pictured on the front side of this postcard) range from \$8 to \$15 each.

To purchase, visit Liberty Center during business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday through Friday at 5645 Liberty Fairfield Road in Fairfield Township, or contact Rhonda Brown at (513) 867-5977 ext. 202.

InsideOut Studio, an initiative through the Butler County Board of Developmental Disabilities' Adult Services Division, is housed at the Liberty Center in Fairfield Township. Artists' work featured in this publication: David Blanton, Kim Byrd, Kim Holweger, Alicia Jones, Dale Murphy and Frank Prickett. Learn more: www.artfrominside.com.

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