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ArtAbility and ReStore Partner for Art Show and Auction

LIMA, OHIO – ArtAbility has partnered with ReStore and Habitat for Humanity, Lima Affiliate for a unique community project. From February 25th through February 27th, you are invited to view some original pieces produced by ArtAbility artists on recycled materials from ReStore. These items will be available for auction with all proceeds going to support these two local, non-profit organizations. The show is located at ReStore, 123 Wayne Street, Lima with a reception being held on, Thursday, February 25th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Daily hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

ArtAbility is a Marimor Adult Services program that helps promote the ideas of choice and program alternatives for the people they serve; the individuals work, but in a more artistic and creative setting. The studio, housed in the *ArtSpace/Lima* building, focuses on developing and promoting creativity and expression in people with disabilities. A group of 10-12 artists from Marimor attend the studio five days a week working on a variety of independent projects. Past shows and displays have been held at Common Grounds Coffeehouse and Cafe, ArtSpace/Lima, St. Rita's Medical Center, Baton Rouge Health Systems, Square Fair and the Meeting Place on Market Street.

ArtAbility is a program created to provide options and opportunities for artists enrolled in the Marimor Adult Services program. These individuals express their ideas and vision through art and raise community awareness, participation and volunteerism. Marimor Adult Services provides habilitation, training and employment to individuals with developmental disabilities in Allen County. The driving forces behind these efforts are the agency's volunteer board members and the community, as well as staff and families. Marimor Adult Services offices are located at 2450 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio. For more information contact 419-221-1226, email artability@acbdd.org, or on the web at www.acbdd.org.

Habitat for Humanity-Lima Area, Inc. is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a non-profit Christian Housing organization. Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses are then sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charged. Volunteers provide most of the labor, and individual and corporate donors provide money and materials to build Habitat houses. Partner families themselves invest hundreds of hours of labor--"sweat equity"-- into building their homes and the homes of others. Their mortgage payments go into a revolving fund that is used to build more houses.

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