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## ***ArtAbility* Work to be Featured at Common Grounds Coffeehouse and Cafe**

(Lima, OH) -- The Marimor Adult Services art studio, *ArtAbility*, will have a selection of works for display and sale at Common Grounds Coffeehouse and Café beginning on Friday, September 5, 2008. Common Grounds Coffeehouse and Café is located at 101 South Main St., Bluffton, Ohio.

*ArtAbility* is an exciting new venture for Marimor Adult Services 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. Angie Herzog, Director of Adult Services, is very enthusiastic about the program, stating, "This is about art and the people participating in this program have some fabulous talents and vision. It is an awesome experience to be able to see the these artist's inspirations and perceptions in the various forms."

*ArtAbility* will also be hosting an open house at *ArtSpace/Lima*, located at 65 Town Square, Lima, Ohio on November, 7, 2008. This event will feature a wide range of works from the individual artists, as well as collaborative pieces.

Common Grounds Coffeehouse and Café is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Whole Bean, Incorporated. The Whole Bean, Inc. has a diverse, but active shareholder base of 60-65 shareholders. Although a for-profit institution, The Whole Bean, Inc. was not formed on the basis of profit, but instead, as an investment in uptown Bluffton. According to its web-site, Whole Bean investors are interested in maintaining a financially stable organization while also providing a venue for live music, visual arts, private meetings and community interaction.

Marimor Industries, Inc. Adult Services is a non-profit corporation that provides habilitation, training and employment to individuals with Mental Retardation and 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 Industries, Inc. Adult Services offices are located at 2450 Ada Road, Lima, Ohio. Additional information can be found at [www.acbmrdd.org](http://www.acbmrdd.org). Businesses and individuals may call 419-221-1226 ext 1328 for more information.

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