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ArtAbility and Shawnee Maplewood School Partner for Disability Awareness Project

LIMA, OHIO – Artists from ArtAbility, staff from the Allen County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities and staff and students from Shawnee Maplewood School will merge their ideas and talents beginning April 30, 2009 for a special disabilities awareness collaboration. The event will be held at Shawnee Maplewood School, located at 1670 Wonderlick Rd, Lima, OH and will run throughout the day beginning at 9:15 a.m.

The program will consist of four groups of 100 Maplewood students working individually with the artists from ArtAbility Studio in activities creating designs related to personal impressions and ideas of what developmental disabilities means to them. The end result of this activity will be realized on May 27, 2009 when a wall-hanging created by the artists and made from the students designs, will be unveiled and presented to Shawnee Maplewood School.

Additionally, students from Shawnee Maplewood School will be collecting items utilized by the Artability Studio. These items, ranging from paint, to paper, to frames, to a variety of other materials, will be donated by the students to the artists to help them continue their artistic endeavours.

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@acbmrdd.org, or on the web at www.acbmrdd.org.

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