

“The arts program at Clovernook helped me realize that I have the ability to do things I never thought I could. I use my imagination to create art. It is a sense of accomplishment for me.”

—Steve Stahl

Increasing socialization and creativity:

Art can be produced by anyone—regardless of having a visual impairment. This statement definitely holds true for artist Nancy Blizzard.

For the past 35 years, Nancy Blizzard has been participating in Clovernook Center for the Blind & Visually Impaired’s Recreational Services program, expressing herself artistically through a variety of different techniques such as sculpting, draping, coiling and pinching. While her creative outlet transcends the limit of her disability, Nancy has learned far more than simply how to create a beautiful piece of artwork.



One of Nancy’s artworks on display

How we helped

Socialization is a definitive aspect of every human’s life. Clovernook’s Recreational Services enabled Nancy to meet new friends, accomplish goals, be creative, gain knowledge and adjust to living in a sighted world with an impairment within a nurturing and therapeutic environment. While Nancy thrives on socializing with her friends during her weekly ceramics class, she is also earning a paycheck through her creativity.

Art holds no boundaries. Nancy is breaking down architectural and attitudinal barriers within the community by creating magnificent pieces of artwork that she is able to sell, helping her to remain financially independent. Through Clovernook’s Recreational Services, the community is able to purchase Nancy’s art and see the wonderful things that can be accomplished through the program.

We need your help

According to a 2006 study on the social skills of blind and visually impaired students by the American Foundation for the Blind, leisure and recreational activities have a positive effect on relationships and social behaviors by teaching critical socialization skills and fostering self-advocacy and self-determination. The ceramics class offered through Clovernook’s Recreational Services is a wonderful example of this. Please help foster the creative and social success of a blind or visually impaired individual.

