

Project:: Job Creation in the Visual Arts for PWDD

Applicant:: Arts Unbound

Address: 544 Freeman Street
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Partners: Partnership Resources, Inc., Minnesota

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Abstract: This project aims to create an income stream for persons with developmental disabilities by selling images of their artwork on the retail market to foundations, corporations, local boutiques and card stores. The project will be modeled on a successful vocational venture based in Minneapolis, MN and will meet an essential objective of the DD Council which is to provide successful non traditional work opportunities for people with developmental disabilities through the piloting of a demonstrated, innovative and creative employment program in the arts for PWDD.

It also represents the first (pilot) year of a 3 year venture whose goal is to establish a source of meaningful and stable work in the arts for PWDD in NJ that will continue to grow over the course of years to come. 10 - 15 client artists will be impacted in year one primarily as artists whose images are selected for sale. By year three, 35 individuals will be employed in some component of the retail business in the visual arts.