

Message from our Executive Director, John McHugh



I'd like to introduce you to an extraordinary artist named Annie Galmore.

Annie lives in New Paltz, and has a passion for painting. Previously frustrated and unable to express her feelings, Annie discovered herself as an artist and found a new form of self-expression. Annie is now a joyful and prolific painter. She has sold her artwork in various art shows including the "Together" art reception that was held on November 1st at the upcoming Cornell Creative Arts Center.



"I love to paint. It makes me feel good. It's even better when people buy my paintings because I can make money." –Annie Galmore


To fulfill The Arc of Ulster-Greene's mission of "offering people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities opportunities to live and experience full lives," The Arc of Ulster-Greene Board of Directors approved to help artists with disabilities like Annie and the general community to have a place where they can create and sell their artwork. We are proud to announce the development of the new and exciting Cornell Creative Arts Center that is scheduled to open in 2019 on Cornell Street in Midtown Kingston.

The Cornell Creative Arts Center is 10,000 sq. ft. of open space that will be transformed into a center that will have community classrooms that will teach a variety of art mediums, a dance and movement studio, 4 artist studio rentals, and 800 sq. ft. of open space for gallery showings, collaborative co-working and rental space for community events. The center will provide opportunities for individuals to express their artist abilities, gain confidence and instill pride in the artwork they create in a supportive and encouraging environment.

The Cornell Creative Arts Center will be open 7 days a week and is open to everyone! Art classes will be offered in the mornings and evenings. We will also offer special supportive art classes to people with developmental and intellectual disabilities 5 days a week. This art center will provide inclusion and endless possibilities for all artists in our community.

To make the Cornell Creative Arts Center a reality, we must raise \$1 million dollars for the design and construction of the facility. We are excited to launch the Cornell Creative Arts Center Capital Campaign to fund this important initiative. Through your generosity, we will be able to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities accomplish their goals and talents. There is no better time than now, during the holiday season, to show your support of our mission.

Gratefully yours,


John McHugh, Executive Director

P.S. If you are interested in receiving updates on the progress of the Cornell Creative Arts Center, please sign up on our website: www.cornellcreativity.com