

Kim,

On behalf of Gaston Skills, I wanted to thank you for the various art sessions you have scheduled for our organization over the last year. As you know, Gaston Skills provides services to adults with various developmental disabilities that are designed to support the individual's personal independence and promote social, physical and emotional well-being. The sessions that Gaston Art Council has provided have been an important way to assist our organization in supporting our clients.

Our clients have enjoyed all the artists and the projects they have done. The artists that worked with our clients have been wonderful. They all have been patient and kind, allowing our clients the time to complete whatever project they are working on. While they love making the different craft items, the classes also assist them in improving their ability to focus, their fine motor skills and social skills. The projects are a fun way for them to work on and accomplish goals. When they complete their project, they are so proud of the work they have done. The experience of crafting something gives them a sense of accomplishment and pride in what they have created. The clients especially loved the dance class. They enjoyed the music and dancing and didn't even realize they were exercising. They keep asking about when she will return.

Overall, these experiences have been a great benefit to our clients and the organization. Some of our clients who normally do not participate in activities like these are now actually the first to volunteer for sessions when they know someone from the Arts Council is coming. Thank you again for all you do for our community and we are looking forward to working with you in the coming year!!

Thanks again,


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