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When Sara was asked if she likes attending the Art360 class, she responded with a resounding “YES!”

Sara loves her Art360 class so much that she even skipped a vacation to California so that she would not miss it. Sara learned about the different animals that the class focused on such as bears, big cats and birds. Her favorite subjects were animals with fur.



Sara with the 3-D turtle she created

“I like the fur of the animals. What I saw at the zoo, that is what inspired my painting.”

-Sara, CSS Artist

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CSS News

Donations for Group Home Needed



The **Décor for Dignity** kicked off in June to raise money for furniture that is needed for Joey's group home in Summit that he shares with four roommates. With your help, we will provide new sofas, a dining room set and outdoor furniture. Click [here](#) to help.

**CSS Artists Win
First Prize**

Sara and the other Art360 participants were celebrated in a special reception this month at the Brookfield Zoo. Sara, accompanied by her mom and dad, was proud to show off her artwork. Sara has been focused and dedicated on her art, but has also made friends in the program along the way.



Sara is diagnosed with autism and epilepsy. But that does not define her. In addition to art, she loves reading and takes part in the jewelry making class at CSS Academy, a program that offers continued learning. Sara also benefits from the Supported Employment program at CSS. Her dream job is to work at the Oak Park Library where she currently goes four times week to read books in its quiet environment.

Sara's mom says the staff at CSS are kind, considerate and responsive. Everyone embodies great customer service in a loving way.

The Art360 program is a community based art program that brings art, learning, creativity and social



The CSS Production Group won first prize for the painting they entered into the Arc of Illinois Conference Art Exhibition. The proud artists with their first place ribbon and certificate.

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inclusion full circle. The innovative program engages the participants in hands on, therapeutics activities through the creative arts and the social atmosphere of the Chicago Zoological Society-Brookfield Zoo. Art360 is geared toward teens and young adults between the ages of 15-25 with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities (I/DD).

The next Art360 Program will begin on June 22nd. Click [here](#) for more information.



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