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Artists with Disabilities Debut Work in Local Coffee Shop



Talented artists from the Easterseals New Jersey Sayreville Adult Day Program will have their artwork displayed at 1st Cup Coffee in Atlantic Highlands through Thursday, Oct. 31.

The Easterseals Adult Day Program in Sayreville serves adults with developmental and physical disabilities and is designed to provide opportunities for participants to learn new skills and engage with their community. Robert Hespe, owner of 1st Cup Coffee, is providing an opportunity for the artists of Easterseals New Jersey to not only engage with their community but also to have their talents celebrated.

"One of our artists, Scott, recently had a stroke and making art with his hands has been very rewarding for him," said Mary Bori, senior direct support professional at the Sayreville Adult Day Program. "It encourages him to connect with his peers, and socializing with others is what is most important to him."

Easterseals is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that has helped children and adults with disabilities and special needs, live better lives for nearly a century. Operating in 21 counties throughout the state, Easterseals New Jersey offers a variety of disability services to help people with various special needs address life's challenges. Annually, Easterseals New Jersey serves more than 5,000 individuals at more than 100 sites with direct services, advocacy and education.

"We believe everyone, no matter their circumstance or level of ability, deserves the opportunity to increase their independence and achieve their goals," the organization stated. "Focusing on ability over disability, our family of over 1,000 well-trained and passionate staff members work in partnership with individuals and families to bring equality, dignity and opportunity to people in need."

Easterseals has nine adult training programs across the state and is always looking to partner with local businesses like 1st Cup Coffee to provide more opportunities and new experiences to those they serve.

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1st Cup Coffee is open Monday through Sunday, 6 am to 6 pm.

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