



Helping people with developmental and other disabilities contribute to their communities

LifeArt Community Resource Center Moves to Roxbury Street

March 3, 2006 ... LifeArt, a non-profit community center that brings together people from all walks of life with common interests, has moved from Central Square to 25 Roxbury Street in Keene, between 21 Bar and Grill and Aubuchon's Hardware.

LifeArt is open to the public and offers workshops, classes, discussions and other activities to foster personal growth and positive community action. Activities include drum circle, discussion groups, art classes, community singing group, empowerment group, and more. Most of the activities are free of charge, making them accessible to all people.

The idea of LifeArt came from a group of people with disabilities who believe that the way to change negative stereotyping and attitudes is to contribute positively in the community. "At LifeArt we believe that everyone has personal gifts to share, thus we look to connect people who want to share with others who want to learn," says Chris Coates, Director of Community Services and Development at MDS. "Our continued presence uptown is of great benefit, giving people better access and inviting more people to join us."

In addition to classes and workshops, LifeArt provides an opportunity for people to volunteer at community events. By working together as volunteers at many of Keene's festivals and concerts, people with varying talents and abilities are meeting in a very natural circumstance and many barriers have dissolved.

LifeArt is open Monday-Friday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. For more information on LifeArt, please call 357-1456 or stop by during regular business hours.