

## Viver Brasil Dance Company



*Hazel dancing with the Viver Brasil Dance Company*

In April the Creative Campus Waynesville participants took a trip to Asheville's Diana Wortham Theatre to enjoy the cultural carnival of the Viver Brasil Dance Company. The performance was open to audiences of all ages, and it was a well attended community event. The individuals all received scholarships to attend the performance for free, thanks to Rae Geofrey of the DWT for making this trip possible. It was a wonderful opportunity to expose the individuals of LIFESPAN to the rich and diverse Afro-Brazilian language of movement and music. They learned of African, Salvadorian and Brazilian legends via expressive dance techniques, colorful costumes and layered musical melodies. When asked for audience participation, one of the individuals joined others onstage to learn a few new dance steps! She along with the others enjoyed dancing to the movement of a different beat.



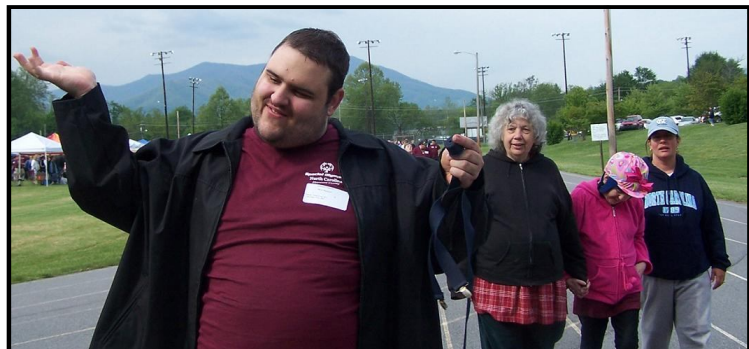
*Our individuals at the Diana Wortham Theatre in Asheville*

## Special Olympics 2011—Haywood

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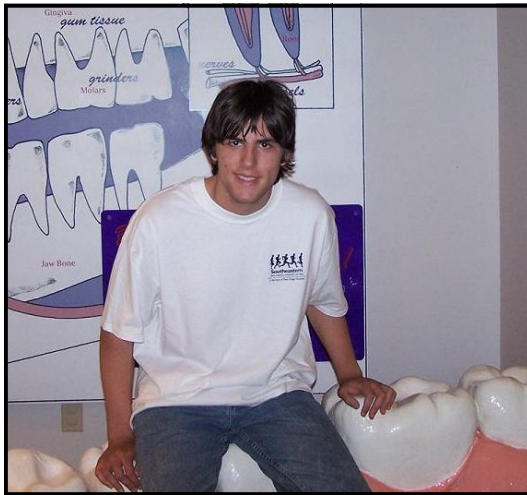
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The annual games were held on May 6<sup>th</sup>, the competitions were met with much excitement. Finally, after months of training, in front of family, friends, and the community they ran, walked and wheeled their fastest, jumped their highest and threw their farthest. Many personal bests were beat and medals were won! The 2011 Special Olympics was a happy celebration of the efforts to physically strive to reach goals and perform at the highest levels!



*Joe and friends in the Track and Field portion of the Special Olympics.*

## Health Adventure in Asheville



*Frankie at Health adventure*

Learning about health, science and technology was a wondrous experience for the individuals of LIFESPAN! On their tour through the interactive exhibits of the Health Adventure they learned of the importance of including plenty of fruits and vegetables in their diet, staying hydrated by drinking the proper amount of water, and the necessity of brushing your teeth for gum and tooth health. The highlight of the trip was the game of gravity via a golf ball extravaganza; they created PVC grids to make their very own ball course. Thanks to Stefanie Kompathoum and the team at the Health Adventure for offering such diverse programming at discounted rates for the group.

## LIFESPAN Arts at the Charlotte Douglas International Airport

Artwork produced at the LIFESPAN Arts Studio in Charlotte and the LIFESPAN Creative Campus Waynesville is on display at the Charlotte Douglas International Airport. Thanks to the collaboration between the airport and LIFESPAN, we now have access to a world market for the goods created by the talented individuals that represent our programs. The unique perspectives from the differing regions of the state made for an interesting installation, beautifully compatible and harmonious. Thrilled at having their work at the airport, many of the artists have now chosen airplanes as their latest theme of concentrated works.



*LIFESPAN Arts work on display in Concourse E at Charlotte Douglas Airport.*

## LIFESPAN in the News

LIFESPAN was recently featured in the Smoky Mountain News! The article, "LIFESPAN opens up the world of art to everyone", focused on the talents of our artists from LIFESPAN Arts in Haywood County. The article can be read online at [www.smokymountainnews.com/news/item/4245-lifespans-opens-up-the-world-of-art-to-everyone](http://www.smokymountainnews.com/news/item/4245-lifespans-opens-up-the-world-of-art-to-everyone).

## Whole Bloomin' Thing Festival



*Pieces of art from our LIFESPAN Artists included flower votives (above) and wind chimes (right)*

Amidst the dozens of other white tents on a beautifully sunny day in May, the LIFESPAN display burst forth with the colors of the season. The artists had been working on handmade flowers, wind chimes and paintings that reflected the blooms surrounding us in the mountains. Also blooming in the garden market of the Whole Bloomin' Thing Festival of the Historic Frog Level district was the popularity of LIFESPAN's growing arts program.



## "Camouflage" Art Exhibit at the Cornelius Arts Center

On display from May 9<sup>th</sup> thru June 17<sup>th</sup> was the LIFESPAN Arts exhibit "Camouflage." Another successful collaboration between the LIFESPAN Arts Studio and LCC Waynesville! The artists from Western NC enjoy knowing just how far their work is traveling to get the attention and respect it rightfully deserves. Thanks to the Cornelius Arts Center for providing such a wonderful venue!

### Supply Wish List

- Give a financial gift
- Provide gift cards to Lowe's, Michael's Arts & Crafts, Wal-Mart, and gift cards to online stores such as [www.jerrysartarama.com](http://www.jerrysartarama.com) and [www.dickblick.com](http://www.dickblick.com)
- Connect us to church and civic organizations for speaking opportunities, fund development and community awareness

## Save the Date!

LIFESPAN Arts will be a vendor at the upcoming Lexington Avenue Arts and Fun Festival in downtown Asheville on September 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

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LIFESPAN transforms the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities by providing education, employment, and enrichment opportunities that promote inclusion, choice, family supports, and other best practices.

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