# **Creativity Explored** with CBTV

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Creativity Explored
(gentle piano music) - Creativity Explored gives artists with developmental disabilities the means to create and share their art with the world. We serve over 130 artists with developmental disabilities, many of whom develop very deep art careers and art collected nationally and internationally. - We have always traditionally done drawing and painting. We've done fabrics and always done ceramics. - [Linda] Over 40 years ago, Florence and Elias Katz founded Creativity Explored and our sister organizations. They had the idea that people with developmental disabilities had an incredible creative vision to share. And many artists have been with us for decades. - Some artists stay here forever. There's no real graduation out of this program. Mel Deleema was there on the first day when it started and is here today. Vincent Chacks is an artist that's been coming here for 34 years, always been here five days a week for 34 years. - 100% of the artists that we serve have low incomes and live on government benefits. Being an artist at Creativity Explored where artists receive 50% of the proceeds from the sale of their arts, brings income and it creates options that they wouldn't have otherwise. - The money's important, but I think most of them like being acknowledged 'cause they're very proud of and seeing that people like their work. - [Linda] It gives people with developmental disabilities a way to be seen and respected for the capacities that they offer. (gentle piano music)

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