

Giving Back Through Art



Ashlie Duncan, an experienced artist and founder of The Paint Cellar, has been visiting the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility with the hopes of inspiring students and making a difference through art. The Paint Cellar was created with the idea and desire to want to show others that art can be fun and easy. Duncan has made it her mission to inspire others through art, and this is exactly what she is doing with the students at LJCF.

Through collaboration with The Paint Cellar, LJCF has had the opportunity to host three painting events led by Duncan. Six students were selected to be in attendance at each event, and students were chosen based on their behavior and the improvements they have made in the classroom. In each event Duncan leads the students in a painting course, providing step by step easy to follow instructions which result in beautiful paintings unique to each student. Lindsey Pounds, the Transition Specialist at LJCF, states, "Ashlie is great! She is always so eager and excited to work with our students. She does an exceptional job teaching and instructing, and the students have all had a great time and learned a lot while taking part in the events." One student who



was chosen to take part in an event said, "Painting inspires me and makes me feel like I can do anything I set my mind to." Another student stated, "Being hand picked for the art event made me feel special. It helped me work on patience because I had to dedicate my time to the art before getting to see how wonderful the end result could be. It also gave me insight on how creative I can be."



Some of the paintings will be donated and auctioned off in a silent auction with proceeds going to the Special Olympics and other charitable causes, allowing students to give back to the

community. Some of the other paintings will be given to recognize individuals who have supported student efforts. One student said, "I think it's great that I can do something while being locked up. To me it feels good that I know I am not only helping myself, but I am helping others." Lori Harshbarger, the Superintendent of LJCF, agrees. She said, "Art can teach great life lessons. Art can allow students to experience success by fully completing a project while also learning that working hard can have a positive impact on others."



For more information about The Paint Cellar please visit www.paint-cellar.com, or for more information about this program please contact the facility Public Information Officer, Mark Harmon at 574-753-7571.