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Easterday Summer Project Benefits Persons with Special Needs

Lincoln, Neb. – More than twenty area youth and adults with disabilities are developing skills in photography, sewing, and model building through a summer demonstration project led by the Easterday Recreation Center; City of Lincoln Parks & Recreation Department. The project goal is to provide an opportunity for persons with disabilities to develop lifetime skills that will increase their independence, employment opportunities, and community involvement. AmeriCorps member Nate Hall, who is providing leadership for the project, is very pleased to see the excitement in the participants and plans to grow the project next summer.

Participants registered for classes and have met regularly on Saturdays at the Easterday Recreation Center. Completed projects will be entered in the Open Class Unique Individuals & Situations category at the Lancaster County Super Fair to be held at the Lancaster Event Center from August 4-13. The Fair expanded this new division, open to adults ages 18 and up, in 2010. Premiums and participation ribbons will be presented for the entries.

Support for the project is through a \$5,000 grant from ServeNebraska, the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission. ServeNebraska mobilizes Nebraskans to strengthen their communities through volunteering, collaboration and national service programs. “We are very proud to grow opportunities for individuals with disabilities to develop their skills and become more fully engaged in their communities. We hope that this project will spark similar efforts in counties throughout Nebraska,” says ServeNebraska AmeriCorps/Disability Program Officer Cathy Plager. To learn more about ServeNebraska and its efforts visit www.serve.nebraska.gov.

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