



Careers Industries

Enriching the lives of people with disabilities

Racine Insurance Agency Brightens Offices with Colorful Artwork from Careers Industries

Careers Industries Art & Soul Program Makes Largest-Ever Artwork Sale

Racine, WI, March 4, 2010 – Careers Industries announced that nearly 40 paintings created by participants in the Career Industries Art & Soul Program have been sold to David Insurance Agency, Inc. of Racine. The paintings ranged in size from large to very small and are by a wide variety of artists, from Liz Belland to Al Zipperer. The sale raised \$900 of which one third will go to the artists and two-thirds for the Art & Soul Program to buy more art supplies.

The Careers Industries Art & Soul program is part of the in-house activities and community-based opportunities offered through its Integrated Day Services program. Careers Industries provides employment, community-based and other activities for people with disabilities. Art & Soul works have been for sale and on display at numerous art fairs and venues including Racine's Starving Artists Fair, Burlington's Maxwell Street Days, and Racine Arts Council offices.

"David Insurance and individuals here have had a role on a volunteer as well as professional basis with Careers Industries and we're familiar with the excellent work that they do with adults with disabilities," said Chris Antonneau, President, David Insurance Agency, Inc. "They have a great stock of talent and some of their participants have developed nice artistic abilities. Originally, they asked if we would like to display the art at our place of work because we generally work with the public and have people flowing through our office. We obtained about 40 paintings and found them to be very enjoyable throughout our whole office setting. They're bright and colorful, and it's evident the artists enjoy what they're doing. Instead of looking to be a retail vendor of these items, we instead chose to permanently keep them."

Paintings included with this particular lot purchased by David Insurance included such titles as Emerald City, Spring Time, Lemon-Lime, Ole, Red Rover, Tikki Head, and Boulder Ridge.

"Quite frankly, the office had a fun time decorating with them," said Antonneau. "The artists have true artistic ability and the pieces are framed and neatly finished. The color scheme exudes the joy that people are putting into these pieces of art as they work on them. The paintings brighten up our office and people. Having been produced by adults with disabilities

and knowing the great work that Careers Industries does, our people are intrigued by the artwork. Understanding that the person that produced (a painting) has his or her own challenges, they were really impressed with the work and the fact that we can support Careers in this way."

Established in 1950, David Insurance Agency, Inc. is one of the largest agencies in the Racine-Kenosha area and offers a wide range of products including Business, Auto, Home, Life, Contractor, Bonds, Employee Benefits and Financial Services.

David Insurance is one of several Racine-area businesses that have either recently purchased or sells artwork produced by Careers Industries Art & Soul Program. Other businesses include Psychiatric Services of Racine, DeRose Dental Office and Bestway Flooring Center. For more information on the Careers Industries Art & Soul Program, contact Dawn Parrish at (262) 752-4100 or visit www.careersindustries.com. Art work can also be purchased directly at Careers Industries at 3502 Douglas Avenue.

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