



Lemoyne Alternatives has already begun making its mark on the community. Over a week-long period this summer, they put their collective time, energy, and creative abilities to work in creating a meaningful gift for the namesake sponsor of the August 6 UCP/SchmidtKramer Golf Tournament. The result was a remarkable 3-dimensional depiction of the course at Carlisle Country Club where the tournament was held.

*(l to r) SchmidtKramer partners and attorneys Scott Cooper, Chuck Schmidt, and Gerry Kramer, along with UCP CEO Judith McCowan, pose with handmade art created by the staff and participants of the Lemoyne Alternatives adult day program.*

In sharing what all went into development of the final art, Samantha said, *“Some of the individuals focused on painting the grass and the sky. Others worked on paper punching the trees, while Rhonda and her one-on-one aide used puffy paint to create the clouds. To make it even more realistic, one of RuthAnn’s relatives cut a golf ball in half to be placed on the tee.”*



*Program instructor Megan Geesey looks on as Rhonda and her aide do hand-over-hand painting of the sky and clouds for the golf picture*

The three leaders agreed that it was a really fun and meaningful collaboration of staff and participants. This type of hands-on activity is something they will look to do more of in the future. When it was suggested to them that perhaps the program should consider creating a piece of sports-related art that can be featured at next year's UCP/Harrisburg Senators Sports Auction, they responded enthusiastically.

A handful of UCP employees and Board members recently visited Lemoyne Alternatives to hand out surprise treats in celebration of National Chocolate Pudding Day. While there, they had the opportunity to engage one-on-one with participants. UCP Board Chair Marisa Tokarsky commented of their visit, *“I really appreciate being able to interact with individuals at the program level because I am reminded of the blessing that these types of opportunities represented for my*

*brother Michael, who was born with Down Syndrome. He wouldn't be the Michael of today without the services and supports he's received. I have no doubt the same can be said of the individuals in this program."*



*UCP Board Chair Marisa Tokarsky hands out pudding at Lemoyne Alternatives in recognition of National Chocolate Pudding Day in June*