Art from the Heart offers four painting classes and three crafting classes weekly, serving approximately 100 adults with special needs. In sessions taught by professional artists, adult clients explore their own creative response to the constraints and frustrations of disability; they paint and create with hands, feet, mouth or headgear – whatever means is available to them.

Art from the Heart is inspiring and rewarding for all participants. Completing a work of art is an accomplishment that affirms the student artist’s skill and sense of self-worth. As artists work alongside one another in a group setting, they find support and enjoyment in the company of others who share their unique experience in life.

Our Mission Statement:
Schott Communities, founded with the belief that every person has the right to be treated with dignity and care, is dedicated to providing life-enriching programs, services and residences to meet the multiple needs of persons who are deaf or disabled.

This program is made possible by grants from the Community Foundation of Broward and Peacock Foundation.

Laura Rivera expresses herself with her feet. She loves finishing paintings, especially butterflies and landscapes, and really likes to sell her paintings!

“Laura found a home at Schott where she can be herself,” says her mother.

Inspiring Children of all Abilities

Schott Communities is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1986 to address the needs of persons who are deaf, or who are physically or intellectually challenged.
Art from the Heart: Inspiring Children of all Abilities is a program aimed at young artists to explore their creativity and self-expression. Children ages 8-12 produce artwork that is meaningful to them under the supervision of caring and dedicated teachers. Participants with special needs as well as typically developing students can share with one another in the creative process.

The program enables positive interaction amongst participants in a group setting while it instills confidence and self-esteem.

For information about our weekly classes and summer camps, please call (954) 434-3306.

Art in the Computer: Social Networking with Paintbrushes

Schott Communities’ Art from the Heart/ArtThread Interactive Online Gallery, provided by the ArtThread Foundation, is a place for participants to make and share art online.

This gallery is part of Schott’s Art Therapy program, where individuals of all ages and abilities explore their own creative response to the challenges of living with a disability. Building on our traditional program components of painting and crafting, this online gallery now offers individuals the opportunity to unleash their imagination and discover the world of computer art and graphic design.

Art in the Computer uses the universal reach of technology to inspire the creative process while making it easy to share the victories.