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## **TRUE SPIRIT: Personal Narratives through Ceramic Sculpture**

**Cincinnati, OH** -This fall, Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired collaborated with Indigo Hippo, an art gallery and creative reuse space, to host an 8-week pottery seminar. This workshop focused on cultivating artists' ceramic skills, as well as group discussions surrounding issues of memory, identity, and storytelling through art. The artwork constructed will be displayed at Indigo Hippo, in the show TRUE SPIRIT: Personal Narratives through Ceramic Sculpture, opening Friday, October 28th, 2016, from 6:00PM-10:00PM.

Each piece in TRUE SPIRIT tells a story about the artist: A memory from childhood or a symbolic representation of how an artist was feeling on a certain day. Charlotte Fabe, Creative Arts Specialist at Clovernook Center, said, "We focused on looking at identity as something that evolves over time, rather than remaining the same for our entire lives." This is represented in the artists' work, and in their "six-word-stories"—or six-word poems that will be displayed at the show.

All visitors are encouraged to not only view the artwork, but to touch it as well. Emily Farison, Director of Materials at Indigo Hippo, said, "This class was a wonderful collaborative experience, where we leaned on each other's inspiration, ideas, and skills. Personally, I had the opportunity to more deeply think about the tactile nature of clay and how it can be presented as a place of exploration, building, and trust." Artists focused on creating a variety of textures to make

interesting tactile experiences. For example, their group wind chime project, pine cones and twigs were used. Fabe said, "Metaphorically speaking, clay was the perfect medium to use as we talked about memory and how our identities evolve and shift over time; clay is adaptable in its form but can also retain information like a fossil would."

TRUE SPIRIT will remain on display at Indigo Hippo until November 22nd and will be open to the public during regular store hours. Indigo Hippo, located at 1301 Main Street in Over the Rhine, is open Tuesday- Saturday 11 AM-6PM. and Sunday 12 noon- 5PM.

### **About Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

Since 1903, Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired has been providing life-enriching opportunities and empowering people who are blind or visually impaired to be self-sufficient and full participants in their communities. Program Services annually assists more than 1,000 individuals, helping them to adapt and overcome the challenges of vision impairment. Employment Services provides job opportunities and coaching for consumers who want to work in their local community, or in Clovernook Center's own Social Enterprises which provide a variety of employment opportunities for more than 55 people with vision loss. Clovernook's Arts and Recreation department provides a powerful outlet for individuals to express themselves artistically, share personal insights, and join together with others who face similar challenges. Youth Services include six-weeks of summer day camps. As well as year-round activities for youth ages 8 to 22 who are blind or visually impaired. Additionally, our Braille Printing House prints books, magazines and other materials for the National Library Services and braille patrons worldwide. More information can be accessed at [www.clovernook.org](http://www.clovernook.org).

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