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The goal of the Creative Abilities Group is to provide opportunities for young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities to participate in a variety of fine arts, performing arts, music and craft activities in their community, helping to inspire them, enrich their lives, and helping them to realize their full creative potential.



Mimi Ludwig: President, Autism Society Lehigh Valley  
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# Creative Abilities Mural Project With Artist Matt Halm



*Matt Halm*  
Matt Halm, Muralist

**Creativity, Inclusivity, Acceptance, Compassion,  
Community, Healing, Family**

Mural painting with youth and young adults with autism.





Participating in the creation of a professional mural with Matt Halm is a unique opportunity for youth and adults with autism to be part of a prominent and permanent art project.

Lehigh Valley Hospital Network will be providing the public space for the final mural at the Allentown 17<sup>th</sup> and Chew location.



Working with students is challenging and infinitely rewarding, as I seek to embolden them with creativity, imagination, and collaboration.

Lehigh Valley Arts Council is thrilled to have supported the Creative Abilities Mural Project with an Incentive Grant for Greater Inclusion. Through the Arts & Access Always program, the Arts Council is creating a culture of belonging by actively inviting the involvement of all people in the arts. The Creative Abilities Group embodies this ideal and has encouraged greater access in the Lehigh Valley with this project.

Words that describe the artists experience:

Happy. Mesmerizing. Like it. Fun. Challenging. Enjoy. Great. Awesome. Proud. Amazing.

