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Time to Get into the Holiday Spirit!

WAYNE, MI. – November 16, 2006 – The holiday decorations are popping up in the malls, on street corners and in homes, and soon Santa will be visiting all the good little boys and girls. This is a crafter's favorite time of year as many of them have rushed to fill their calendars full of arts and crafts shows. They are entrepreneurs, working at their own micro-enterprises or small businesses and putting money in the bank! These small business owners are local men and women who are supported by Community Living Services, a non-profit organization supporting people with disabilities www.comlivserv.com. They make their crafts at a place called STEP, Services to Enhance Potential. www.stepcentral.org. STEP's mission is to support individuals in the pursuit of their chosen goals and the achievement of personal satisfaction in their lives.

The group of over 20 will be selling their goodies at Wayne's MetroPlace Mall on Friday, Nov. 17th and Saturday, December 2, from 9:30-2:30 p.m. Some of the more popular items include: handmade earrings, bracelets, lanyards and Braille greeting cards.

**Christmas Craft Show
MetroPlace Mall, Wayne
35425 Michigan Avenue West
Wayne, MI 48184
Friday, Nov. 17th and Friday, Dec. 1st
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

A few participants are: Linda Craig (Westland) "**Hats Off to You**", her business is specialty bears that have all kinds of delightful, handmade hats. Carmel Wallace (Wayne) "**BumbleBeads**" she makes handmade bookmarks with colorful crystal beads. Sue Essa (Garden City) "**Sue's Corner**" sells handmade greeting cards. Demetre Johnson (Romulus) "**D.J.'s Design**", makes tile mosaics that serve as hot plates and candleholders. Shaquina Love (Westland) writes poetry and places them into a beautiful frame that she makes herself. Her business is called "**Love's Poetry**". All of these ladies create their beautiful crafts at STEP's Western Wayne facility. The other crafters (there are about 20 of them) work out of the STEP Resource Center located in Livonia.

Come and check out the wonderful handmade items and get a jump on your holiday shopping!

Most of the people in this story utilize the services and supports of CLS. CLS believes the greatest opportunity to increase the production of income for people with severe disabilities lies within the development of small businesses or micro-enterprises. CLS is committed to introducing, encouraging, and supporting innovative approaches to income generation for people with disabilities. CLS is dedicated to creative thinking and helping people plan a future that is based on their strengths, interests, and dreams for the future, regardless of the extent of their disability. Community Living Services is funded through the Detroit-Wayne County Community Mental Health Agency.

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