

## Clark Memorial displays community art

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The Jeffersonville Arts Alliance recently assembled a community art sculpture inspired by the works of artist Louise Nevelson which is now on display.

The sculpture entitled Creative Essence captures the spirit of Nevelson's work who often experimented with conceptual art using found objects. Local artisans alongside children, teenagers and adults from the community participated in a Jeffersonville Art Movement (JAM) session to create the sculpture.

Dawn Spyker, an arts teacher at River Valley and one of the creators of Jeffersonville Arts Alliance said, "Since the inception of the Jeffersonville Arts Alliance two and half years ago, it has been our mission to promote, encourage and instill appreciation, creation and collaboration of the arts in the city of Jeffersonville and have fun doing it."

The arts are recognized as a tool to aid in patient healing. According to the Society for the Arts in Healthcare, about half of U.S. hospitals are using art to support the well-being of patients, create a healing environment and help with stress and anxiety.

"Local art like local healthcare is important to the vitality of our community. We are pleased to have the opportunity to showcase the work of local artisans in our hospital for the enjoyment of our patients and their families," says Martin Padgett, CEO and President of Clark Memorial.

### About Clark Memorial Hospital

Since 1922, Clark Memorial Hospital has provided superior health services to the residents of southern Indiana. Today, Clark Memorial Hospital is a 241-bed acute care facility located on a 22-acre campus in Jeffersonville. The campus also includes two medical office buildings and an outpatient surgery center. Clark Memorial owns an Urgent Care and Diagnostic Imaging Center and manages its growing physician offices through the Clark Physician Group. Clark Memorial's 1,600 employees, 41 providers, and more than 200 active medical staff bring the culture of patient centered care to nearly 82,000 patients each year. With a long-standing tradition of care and continuous expansion of new programs and services, Clark Memorial Hospital is truly a premier health care provider and a standard for excellence in the region.

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### About Jeffersonville Arts Alliance

The Jeffersonville Arts Alliance is a non-for-profit group of professional artists, art educators and art supporters that volunteer our time providing specific skill sets to assist in facilitating public arts programming and the creation of public art. With the support of community sponsors, various grants and the generosity of a facility through Greater Clark Schools, the alliance hosts quarterly JAM Sessions and invite the community to create public art works with them! Each JAM session is unique with varying materials and themes. JAM is an acronym coined by the JAA which stands for the Jeffersonville Art Movement.