

## ***A TASTE OF NAPOLI*** ***Sponsorship Opportunities***

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Dear Supporters: OASIS Therapeutic Life Centers is a non-profit

dedicated to improving the lives of autistic adults. We have been truly blessed by the many supporters we have had over the past 13 years who have helped us to continue our mission to promote the inclusion and acceptance of autistic adults into our local community.

It is time for us to reach out again for your support as we move to further our mission to provide meaningful work and peaceful residences for the individuals we support.

At OASIS, we believe that personal fulfillment in life comes with being productive and making choices that empower us as human beings. We, at Oasis tlc are focused on the importance of having meaningful work, employment and an independent adult life. We strive daily to offer choices and engage our interns in integrated settings; promoting independence while also providing support so all can thrive and feel valued.

We are a model that intends to support adults throughout the lifespan. This will look different for each individual but will always include meaningful work and personal choice in a supported and peaceful environment.

We need your help to continue our work to provide more jobs and housing for our interns. Your donations will go directly towards completing our work to become a licensed residential provider as well as continuing and expanding our day and extended day programs.

Lastly, it's important to note that we are fully dedicated to helping others create similar models in our area.

Please consider a sponsorship at our upcoming event, **A Taste of Napoli, November 8, 2025** to help us continue to fulfill our mission to create local, small, organic farms that provide meaningful work, peaceful and healthy residences and community interaction for autistic adults.

We hope that you can attend our ***Taste of Napoli*** event at the farm! It promises to be a fun day featuring food and music by celebrated local chefs and musicians, specialty wines, and artwork & crafts created by our own interns. (see flyer for details)

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Mai Cleary, President  
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## **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Please note that ALL sponsorship opportunities include signage at the event, Facebook and Instagram mention. Additional items are listed below. If you are not interested in one or any of these to be included with your sponsorship opportunities, please let us know.

**EVENT SPONSOR \$25,000– *includes 10 tickets***

**TENT SPONSOR \$10,000 – *includes 10 tickets***

**PLATINUM \$5,000 – *includes 10 tickets***

**GOLD \$4,000 – *includes 8 tickets***

**SILVER \$3,000 – *includes 6 tickets***

**BRONZE \$2,000 – *includes 4 tickets***



# A TASTE OF NAPOLI

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

12 PM - 4:30 PM

OASIS FARM STORE

ART SHOW & SALE



50/50 RAFFLE

LIVE & SILENT AUCTION

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**COME SUPPORT OASIS & CELEBRATE OUR HARVEST**

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**SPECIALTY FOODS MADE BY:**

Chris & Debbie Mumford (Hay Mumford)

Casey Pesche (Apple Street Kitchen & d'jeet)

Valerie and Michael Aufiero (Front Street Trattoria)

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**\$150 PER GUEST**

**TO RSVP & FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE:**



**RESRVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**

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**OASIS FARMS TRAIL CENTER**

**89 SLEEPY HOLLOW RD. RED BANK, NJ 07701**



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## ~Our Mission~

To promote the inclusion and acceptance of autistic individuals into their local communities by establishing environmentally exemplary farm centers that provide meaningful work, healthy and peaceful residences, and community interaction.

- **Exemplary Farm Centers**

OASIS tlc has created a model that involves local and state governments in the purchasing or leasing of property for farming. This simultaneously supports town open space initiatives and offers a source of natural, wholesome food for the local community to purchase. Additionally, farm centers provide housing, employment, and volunteer opportunities.

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- **Meaningful Work**

Autistic individuals are naturally in tune with the rhythm of nature and the seasons. Farming and agriculture are connected to the calendar as well. They are generally concrete thinkers and farm work provides almost immediate, tangible results.

Partnering with neurotypical coworkers provides natural opportunities for therapeutic interventions.

- **Peaceful Residences**

Autistic individuals can be over-stimulated by the pace of society today. They may also have special health needs. Farms and open space offer peace and stimulation from natural sources that are real and therapeutic for everyone involved. Using sustainable and environmentally responsible practices is healthy for everyone in every way.

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The philosophy behind OASIS tlc is one that embraces human beings for their inter-connectedness to each other and all living things. We believe that it is through work, personal exploration and our relationships with others, and nature, that we realize our full human potential. Given the challenges of autism, we see the local farm setting as an ideal place to achieve interdependence and social connectedness.

The concept of meaningful work is paramount to personal fulfillment. We all need to feel needed, and we all need help at times. Autistic individuals are no different. They have the same human needs. They do not want to feel constantly dependent on others; nor do they want to feel useless. Therefore, it is important that our farm center be perceived as a service provider in two ways. One, the centers will provide the service of continuing education and housing for autistic adults. Two, along with their co-workers, they will provide the community with healthy food and visible examples of sustainable farming and “green living.”

We hope to inspire others to open centers like ours nationwide. Not only do they serve autistic adults, but they provide a service to their local community. Most importantly, OASIS tlc hopes to provide encounters between people that foster positive human growth through nature and the acceptance of human differences and the realization of the common ground we all share.



# Art from the Heart: Oasis tlc Interns Showcase Work

October 31, 2024



Interns at Oasis tlc create art, which will be for sale at the nonprofit's upcoming art show and luncheon and at Carton Brewing Company's tasting room. Courtesy Oasis tic

**By Stephen Appezzato**

MIDDLETOWN – Interns at Oasis tlc, a vibrant community for adults with autism, are breaking into the art world, crafting thoughtful and unfiltered expressions and celebrating individuality. This weekend, Two River residents can catch a glimpse of their work – and even purchase it – at a special lunch and art show event.

The term “outsider art” was coined in 1972 and refers to work by artists who haven’t had formal art training or been a part of the art establishment. In recent years, the outsider art movement has taken off, characterized by its unfiltered perspectives into each artist’s mind. “They’re (interns)

painting what they’re seeing in their head,” explained Sarah Hilton, longtime artist and art instructor at Oasis tlc. “You’re not hampered by trying to do something else, to copy something.”





For over a decade, artist Sarah Hilton has hosted art classes at Oasis tlc, teaching students new techniques and mediums. Stephen Appezzato

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For years, Hilton worked in the art world. A Rumson native, she moved to California where she crafted displays for big box retailers like Macy’s, honing her art skills and eventually returning to the area, offering art lessons. Around 2012, Hilton stopped by Oasis tlc’s farm in Middletown, offering her services to the organization. What began as occasional art classes evolved into a full-fledged program, like a college semester, where Oasis’ students are exposed to various art techniques and mediums.

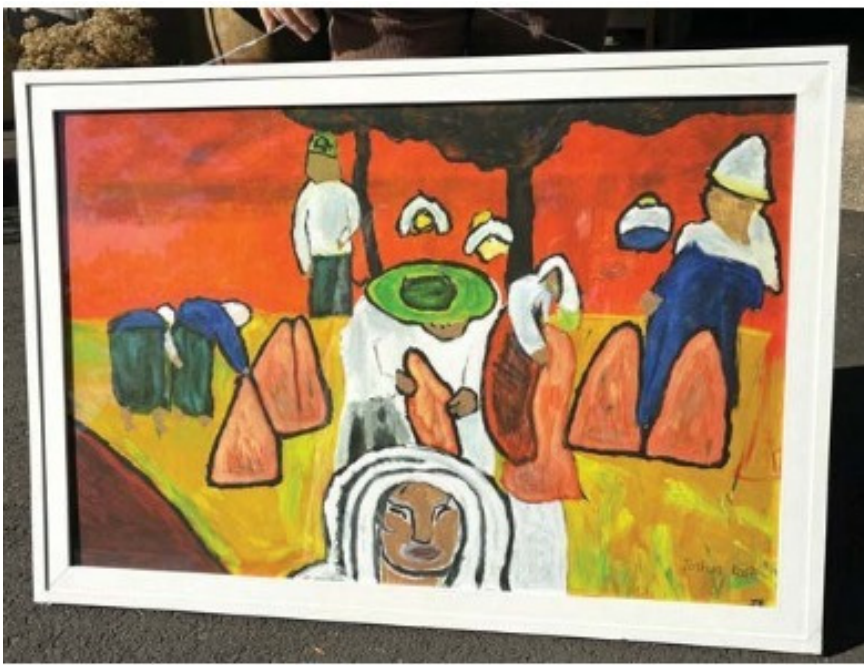
Now, Hilton teaches three three-hour classes each week, usually featuring five students who immerse themselves in a rich variety of artistic techniques and materials. Hilton has noticed a growing sense of pride among her students. “The group is getting bigger, and you can tell they’re passionate about their work. They discuss it,” she said. “They’ve absolutely got some kind of a focus of what they want to do.”

A brief walk around Oasis’ temporary gallery reveals a range of artistic styles and expressions, from realistic and detailed depictions of animals and settings to more free-flowing and abstract works. Throughout the year, the pieces the interns create are displayed in Carton Brewing Company’s tasting room in Atlantic Highlands, where they often sell. Proceeds go directly to each artist.

“I think people, especially people with autism, see differently, and it creates a different look on painting,” said Oasis tlc cofounder and executive director Mai Cleary.

“The variety is just so good,” Hilton added.





Art created by Oasis interns ranges in style and expression, from detailed depictions of animals to abstract works. Stephen Appezato

As the popularity of outsider art continues to rise among collectors and curators, the students at Oasis are carving out a space for their voices in the art world. Their work serves as a powerful reflection of the ways they perceive the world around them. Hilton believes this authenticity is what makes their art so compelling.



Stephen Appezato

“They’re not hampered by trying to copy something. It’s a mirror of their minds,” she said.

To showcase their work, the community at Oasis tlc is gearing up for a special fundraiser this weekend. On Nov. 2 the nonprofit will host its Taste of Tuscany event, featuring specialty foods made by Chris and Debbie Mumford, Casey Pesce, and Valerie and Michael Aufiero. At the event, attendees can purchase art pieces in an art show and silent auction. Visitors must RSVP to Oasis [on its website](#) to attend.

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