

Focus On : The Art of Rancho

In February 2006, Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center announced that the new Pediatric Arts Program, which provides hands-on experience in the arts for youth aged 14-21, would be named in honor of Supervisor Knabe.



Supervisor Knabe meets with students at the kickoff of the Rancho Los Amigos Pediatric Arts Program.

The Don Knabe Pediatric Arts Program consists of training in music, fine arts and graphic arts for participants; all of whom experienced a catastrophic and disabling injury or illness as a child or young adult.

This innovative new pediatric arts program is a team effort involving Rancho's Recreational Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Volunteer Programs and the Rancho Los Amigos Foundation. Funding for the program was provided by grants from Supervisor Knabe and special gifts from the Annenberg Foundation.



Rancho graduate artists served as course instructors for the young students, sharing life stories with the recently injured youth, inspiring their creativity and showing the students they are capable of amazing accomplishments despite their injuries.

In announcing the program would be named after Supervisor Knabe, hospital leaders cited his "unwavering support of Rancho, and particularly his support of Rancho's renowned art programs."