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**FILM STUDIO AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MOVES TO MIDTOWN**

Building Space Will Offer Event Rentals to Community Members

SACRAMENTO, CA – [Futures Explored](#), a nonprofit that offers equitable access to programs and services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, is thrilled to announce its move to the historic [Mill Supply](#) building in midtown Sacramento. The new space will be home to the organization’s Sacramento-based Film + Media Studio and Supported Employment programs, where film students learn the art of filmmaking and supported employment participants secure and maintain integrated employment in the field of their choice.

The move to midtown Sacramento will create better access to public transportation and local resources for students/participants, staff and job coaches. Additionally, Futures Explored is planning to make the 14,515 sq/ft space available to community members and partners for event rentals and is launching a \$100,000 fundraising campaign to make this goal possible.

“We are incredibly excited for this move and what it means to our students/participants, staff and the community-at-large. This new location offers access and opportunity to both individuals who participate in our Film + Media and Supported Employment programs, as well as local businesses looking for event rentals,” said Karen Smith, Executive Director at Futures Explored. “Our ultimate goal with this new location is to create an integrated and inclusive, state-of-the-art film studio and employment training center, while also creating a convenient, affordable and desirable event space for community partners.”

Built by Otto Construction in 1974 for Fred Rader Mill Supply, the Mill Supply building was purchased from the original owner in 2012. When Jim Quessenberry bought the building, they kept the name Mill Supply as a tribute to the history of Midtown.

“We were born and raised in Sacramento and are excited to continue our long history of helping folks make their way in this challenging world. We look forward to joining forces with Futures Explored and helping those in need become successful in the workplace,” said Jim Quessenberry, Owner of the Mill Supply Building.

The move to 2533 R. Street will be complete by early February. To learn more about Futures Explored and how you can support its fundraising efforts, please visit www.futures-explored.org/donate.

ABOUT FUTURES EXPLORED

Futures Explored has been in the business of person-centered support since 1964. Our purpose is to empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live fully inclusive and meaningful lives through innovative programs and services. We deliver diverse program offerings that advocate for participants' interests in a number of areas, including Community Connections, Education + Employment, Film + Media and Personal Wellness. For more, visit www.futures-explored.org.

Sacramento Film + Media Studio:

The [Futures Explored Film & Media Studio](#) in Sacramento is a vocational training program that teaches the craft of filmmaking to approximately 40 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities while preparing adult students for real-world employment opportunities. This program is currently accepting students; If you are interested in learning more about Futures Explored Film + Media, please contact Hester Wagner, hesterwagner@futures-explored.org or at 916.416.5487.

Supported Employment:

Futures Explored's [Supported Employment Program](#) supports participants to obtain and maintain competitive integrated employment in the field of their choice. Participants receive individualized on-the-job coaching, including: full-time support through the training process that fades as the job and skills needed are learned. Ongoing supports include advocacy with management; interpersonal skills in the workplace; learning new or additional work tasks; and managing stress. If you are interested in learning more about Supported Employment, please contact Lindsey Dyba, lindseydyba@futures-explored.org or at 916.704.5204.