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“Interlock” sculpture by renowned artist, David Deming, donated to New Avenues Therapy Garden

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CLEVELAND, OH, December 2011 - New Avenues to Independence was recently selected as the recipient of David Deming’s stainless steel and bronze sculpture, “Interlock” by The Nancy L. and Frank H. Porter Fund of the Cleveland Foundation. The sculpture is part of an extensive modern art collection previously owned by the Porters. Upon their deaths in 2003, the Nancy L. and Frank H. Porter Fund was established through a bequest which became the largest gift to the foundation in its then 90-year history. In addition to substantial financial contributions to many non-profit organizations, the Porters’ art collection, which was donated as part of the estate, was dispersed to eligible nonprofits. New Avenues will display this remarkable piece in it’s new Therapy Garden.

David Deming, the former president of The Cleveland Institute of Art, is now retired and concentrating on his art full time in his studio in Cleveland. Mr. Deming has enjoyed a successful career both as a sculptor and as a teacher and arts administrator. He has exhibited his sculpture in over 100 competitive and invitational exhibitions nationally and internationally with over 50 one and two person exhibitions.

His sculpture is in over 100 public and private collections including the Columbus Museum of Art in Ohio; the Arkansas Art Center, Little Rock, Arkansas; The San Antonio Museum of Art, Texas; Utah State University in Logan, Utah; The David E. Davis Sculpture Park in Cleveland; Case Western Reserve University; and Ashland University.

“We are proud to display a piece of art from such a renowned Cleveland sculptor in our Therapy Garden. I’m sure it will create much interest and enjoyment to our clients and their families for years to come,” states Tom Lewins, Executive Director of New Avenues.

About New Avenues to Independence

New Avenues to Independence, Inc., is an organization that proudly provides support services, programs and opportunities for people with disabilities to become more independent and productive members of the community. For more information, contact Karen Knavel, 216-481-1909 ext. 224, kknavel@newavenues.net, www.newavenues.net.