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if she's making a difference. Every other Thursday she leaves the Redford Community Center to help patients paint large-scale works at the Heartland Health Care Center in Livonia.

Regina Telisky never misses a session unless she's sick and the doctor won't let her out of bed.

"I arranged my therapy so not to miss the art class," said

Telisky. "Margie teaches us to mix colors. I also like doing ceramics, arts and crafts, rag dolls and baskets. I get excited about all these things. I like painting. It's so relaxing. I like to look at pretty pictures."

Those pretty paintings fill the art room at the center. Telisky's especially proud of their reproduction of a Monet painting.

Each patient added her own strokes.

"It increases their self confidence," said Lesa Pfeiffer, the center's recreational therapist.

"It gives them an outlet. Plus there are psychological benefits: being within a group and having that support of friendship, and keeping the mind active."

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and camera people were great," said Mehler, a graduate of North Farmington High School. "But if it was a stressful or emotional case, I couldn't be there 100 percent. They were asking questions, the owners were asking questions."

"But the program is important. Veterinary medicine isn't always appreciated, the difficulties of treating animals, the education, the mental, emotional and physical strain every day. Some of the days are very dramatic. It shows we're typical people and our interaction with instructors, how we're quizzed constantly, the constant challenges."

Kent Vince couldn't agree more about the importance of *Vet School Confidential*. Vince is shown helping to diagnose and surgically treat a calf with an abscessed umbilical cord in the *Ties That Bind* episode airing Tuesday, Oct. 30.

Like Mehler, Vince decided at age 8 to be a veterinarian after raising baby chicks in his basement in Rochester Hills.

"It will hopefully help people understand what veterinary medicine is about and the advancements like cataract surgery," said Vince who is now a licensed veterinarian working with thoroughbred horses in Lexington, Ky.

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sad, no middle," said Huna. "All my family was musicians - father, grandfather, uncle, cousins. My father didn't want me to learn music because it's a hard life."

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