Lead Wall Text for *Clara Woods: The Dream* (232 words)

"Painting completed my life." – Frida Kahlo

Challenges are inevitable. They can test us, shape us, and sometimes reveal strengths we never knew we had. For Orange County-based artist Clara Woods, the life and work of Mexican painter Frida Kahlo (1907–1954) has been a lasting source of inspiration. Like Kahlo, Clara has faced adversity and found her voice through art.

Before Clara was born in 2006, she suffered a stroke that left her unable to read, write, or speak. Her parents were told she would have limited opportunities, and many doubted she could become an artist.

Clara and her family refused to let those expectations define her future. Instead, they focused on what was possible. Through painting, Clara discovered a powerful way to communicate, express herself, and connect with the world around her.

Today, her work has been exhibited and collected around the world. In 2026, she reached a historic milestone as the youngest artist ever selected to create an official poster for the Winter Olympic Games.

Through her art, Clara challenges assumptions, celebrates human potential, and shares *The Dream:* a vision of a world where every person belongs and is valued. In each brushstroke, color, texture, and expression, she transforms imagination into possibility, revealing the strength and potential within us all.

The Dream offers a glimpse into Clara's creative world and invites travelers to see beyond limitations and discover new horizons, wherever their journeys may lead.