

hospital art news

Spring 2005

Over 150,000 volunteers and patients have united in an effort to create over 30,000 paintings for over 800 hospitals in 166 countries.

We welcome your love and support in our mission of compassion through art.

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Opening The Doors To A World Of Color

The most famous scene in cinema takes place in "The Wizard of Oz," just after the tornado has ripped Dorothy's home out of Kansas and dropped it into the land of Oz. Dorothy gathers herself, opens her door, and walks from her black-and-white world into an explosion of color. It's a transcendent moment, an instant when Dorothy's day-to-day existence opens up into infinite possibility.

Color does that. Color touches us all. The art of every culture in human history revels in color, the interplay of reds and blues and yellows in an infinite array. We crave color, from our days as children playing with crayons to our days in adulthood watching a magnificent sunset.

So why, at the moments of our greatest need, are we so often faced with the dull grey or green of institutional walls?

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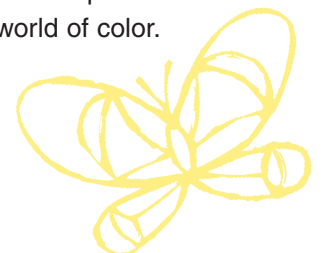
Healing isn't just about repairing the body; it's also about rehabilitating the spirit. And no matter where the sick may be, the language of color crosses all boundaries. As you'll see in this issue, the Foundation for Hospital Art works to bring art to every corner of the globe. We paint with corporations, churches, governments, and individuals. And the most amazing part of



PaintFest South Korea sponsored by Pfizer.

the whole process is how much it benefits both artist and viewer. Take a brush in your hand, and you'll be amazed at what happens.

Someone out there is living in a world of black and white. You can open the door for them to a world of color. All it takes is a few brushstrokes.



Individual Efforts



Kids are heroes with brushes of color.

**Credit card donations
are now accepted on
our web site at
www.hospitalart.org**

A brush. A canvas. Paint. That's all it takes to become part of the Foundation for Hospital Art's mission—to make hospitals our most beautiful places for healing. Even if you can't meet us at one of our PaintFests, we can bring the canvas to you. See elsewhere in this newsletter for information on how to join in our goal to bring art to those in pain.



Kayla Alein and mom painted at Children's Hospital, New Orleans.



Patient and nurse painted together at Erie County Medical Center in Erie, NY.



Volunteer enabling blind man to paint in the Burn Unit of New York Hospital.

Scott Feight painting in a nursing home in Siberia, Gorno-Altai, the Altai Republic, Russia, near the borders of Kazakhstan, China and Mongolia.



Willie, paralyzed from the neck down, painted with a brush in his mouth and hope in his heart. He was one of us.

Testimonial

Dear Mr. Feight,

Thank you so much for the beautiful artwork that your foundation sent our clinic. Much of our current artwork is out of date and beginning to fade, and the painted mural that you sent has given new life to our infusion room. The children absolutely love it! It is so important for our families and patients to feel like they are in a child-friendly environment when they are here. This mural of the beautifully bright-colored fish helps us provide that environment.

Again, thank you so much for your willingness to help make our patients smile. You really do make a difference.

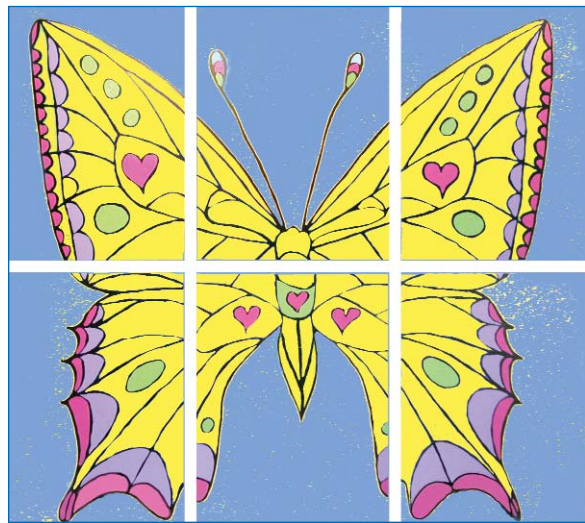
*Fauni Lowe
Nurse Manager
Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Outpatient Center
South Carolina Cancer Center*

PaintFest Kits

You can color-code, paint, touch-up and keep or donate your own painting by ordering a PaintFest Kit.

For a \$500 donation, your friends, family or business associates can have your own PaintFest!

Choose from 10 multiple-canvas designs that are pre-drawn by FFHA. Each PaintFest Kit includes art supplies and instructions.



Choose from many designs:

- Butterfly (pictured)
- Parrot
- Disc Fish
- Flower Pots
- Heart Tree
- Angel Fish
- Toucans
- Giraffes
- Dogwood
- Multiple Fish

Visit our web site for examples of all our PaintFest Kits.

Order your PaintFest Kit today! Order online at hospitalart.org, or call 770.645.1717 M-F 9-5 EST.



PaintFest Kit and art supplies.

PaintFest Kits are offered as a fundraiser to support the Foundation's mission to comfort people in hospitals.

Thank you for your support!

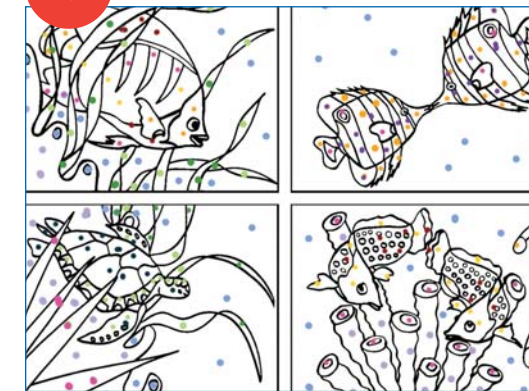


Hospital Pediatrico in Tacubaya, Mexico received paintings from GJE Elfun volunteer Bajío Chapter in Atlanta.

How You Can Paint For Hospitals

It's Easy as 1, 2, 3...

1 The artwork is prepared ahead of time by FFHA.



*Multiple-canvas paintings:
Horizontal: 3'1" X 6'2"
Vertical: 4'1" X 4'8"
Wall murals and ceiling tile designs are also possible. Please visit our web site for examples.*

2 PaintFest participants have fun painting in the color.



3 The artwork is touched-up, signed to acknowledge the sponsor, and donated to hospitals to comfort people.



Create a PaintFest

In-Hospital PaintFests
Volunteers paint with patients, families and hospital staff in the hospital setting. It's upbeat and fun!

One- or two-day PaintFests create a large body of artwork for the hospital, including multiple-canvas paintings, ceiling tiles and walls.

Media attention can be substantial.

Team-Building PaintFests
In a relaxed atmosphere, participants team up for about 90 minutes to complete colorful works of art to comfort people in hospitals.

No artistic experience is necessary!

The paintings are touched-up by FFHA, signed to acknowledge the sponsorship, and donated to hospitals.

In-Office PaintFests
Without disrupting the workday or leaving the premises, employees reach out to people in hospitals.

They paint at scheduled times or during breaks, returning to work feeling positively refreshed.

A convenient way to better the community and improve morale.

PaintFest Kits
FFHA mails you the pre-drawn artwork, art supplies and instructions so you can create your own PaintFest.

Add impact to your next family, community or corporate gathering.

Keep or donate the completed artwork. Please see PaintFest Kit information herein for further details, or visit our web site at www.hospitalart.org.

American PaintFests

A Good Contagion at Roosevelt Hospital

In 2004, the U.S. News & World Report marketing department donated a completed jungle scene mural to Roosevelt Pediatric Clinic in the heart of midtown Manhattan. Dan Wood—a former U.S. News employee now doing post graduate medical studies at Columbia University—was the Foundation's link to the clinic since he had been volunteering there in the evenings. Once the Foundation for Hospital Art artwork was donated, a new spirit spread through the hospital like a contagion—fortunately a very positive one.

The bug first hit Susan Fenton, once a volunteer herself and now the Corporate Director of Volunteer Services. As soon as she saw the colorful artwork, she set in motion a chain

reaction of giving. Volunteers, nursing staff, and even doctors gave up their time to paint the old gray walls of the pediatric clinic with bright vibrant colors matching our mural. The waiting room became yellow and soft pink in one area while the exam rooms were transformed with various shades of blue, green and purple and adorned with Winnie the Pooh and other Disney cartoon character stickers.

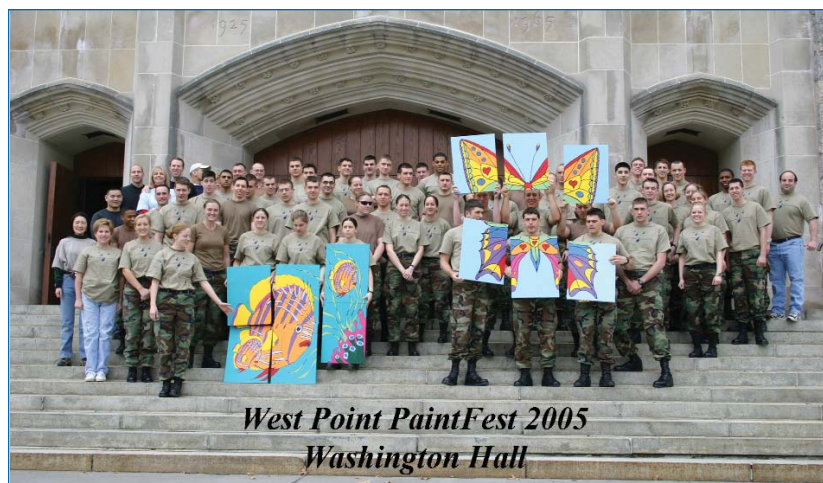
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After the facelift, an anonymous donor gave a table with chairs and a bookshelf to set up a "Children's Reading Corner."

Community volunteers and the United Hospital Fund contributed books to fill the shelves. A new TV and DVD player are on the way for the waiting area as well.

The story of the refurbished clinic touched the hearts of the U.S. News marketing team so much that we decided to give them another painting from our second PaintFest at the office. It seems we've come full circle now, and the great thing about a circle is that it keeps going around and around infinitely. Sue has already hinted that she wants to redecorate the OB-GYN clinic next and guess what . . . we'll have paintings ready for her when she does.

*Win Trainor
Foundation Trustee*



*West Point PaintFest 2005
Washington Hall*

Prostate Cancer Alert

The American Cancer Society and the American Urological Association recommend annual PSA tests--along with the digital exam--for all men over 50 and for high-risk men over 40.

Team-Building PaintFests



Federal Home Loan Bank System's national painting for the Washington Cancer Institute, Washington, DC. Offices across the country helped to complete the painting.

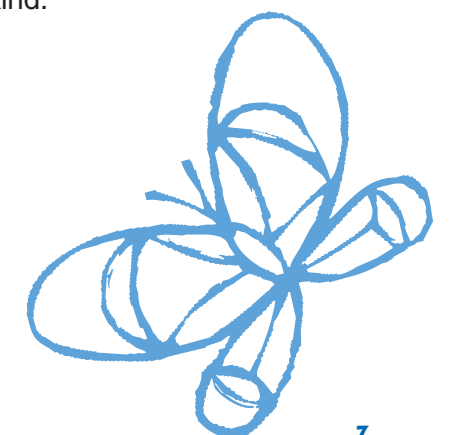


1,800 Janssen employees painted at the Grand Old Opry for hospitals across the U.S.A.

When you combine the joy of painting with the camaraderie of a PaintFest, you get an exceptional team-building activity that can benefit both your organization and patients in hospitals worldwide. The convenience, scalability, and portability of PaintFests make them an ideal team-building project, with an enjoyable community outreach twist.

You provide the painters, and we'll come to you, in the form of PaintFest kits or a fully orchestrated event. With PaintFests ranging anywhere from four to over 4,000 painters, the Foundation can accommodate groups of any size and scope. The venue is limited only by your imagination. PaintFests have been held in everything from break rooms to boardrooms, from convention halls to lobbies, even at Super Bowls and on the Eiffel Tower.

Your event can transform a depressing hospital to a soft healing place. That's team-building of the finest kind.



International Outreach

A Letter from Russia

"Painting together is the easiest way to make friends. Five minutes pass, and you are already a team, a very happy, productive and helpful team. Each of you becomes the "king" (or the "queen") of the color. I was "the queen of yellow." The more you paint, the better you realize your purpose in this life -- to bring light and happiness to this world."

Elena Smirnova, Cheboksary, Russia. Contact through Peachtree Presbyterian Church of Atlanta's missions outreach program.



Cheboksary, Russia: Happiness comes in multi-colors and jumps borders.



Pfizer PaintFest - Hospital Episcopal San Lucas, Ponce, Puerto Rico ... and the little will paint big things.



Silent Comfort.



101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), U.S. Army, painted in their tents north of Baghdad for hospitals in Iraq.



Ikiyah W. Harrison, center, is keeping our dream alive to heal the world with art. Paintings were donated to ZANKLI MEDICAL CENTRE and the DARA CLINIC in Nigeria.



Antarctica, one of seven continents that painted "Hope Rising" for the 2005 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.



"Hope Rising," a painting done on seven continents and presented to a Greek hospital during the 2005 Athens Olympic Games by New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Testimonial: GE

In June 2004, the GE Hispanic Forum of Atlanta and The Foundation for Hospital Art, together with GE Elfun Volunteers from the Atlanta Chapter and GE Elfun Volunteers from the Bajio Chapter (Mexico), gathered together in a ceremony to celebrate another success story for "Operation Lovejoy" PaintFest.

GE employees and the men at the Carpenter's House in Atlanta painted 12 beautiful pre-drawn murals, donated by The Foundation for Hospital Art. The paintings were sent to GE Elfun Mexico-Bajio. The Chapter Members at Bajio were able to place the pictures in 4 hospitals, as well as in a children's protection institution in Mexico and in an Arts/Culture Center. Institutions receiving paintings included Hospital Pediatrico in Tacubaya, for the treatment of children with extreme burns; Instituto Mexicano de Oftalmología, I.A.P, focused on children with less means of support; and several others.

Chris Seeterlin, GE Energy I&FS Technical Services Program Manager



Operation: Lovejoy

For more than twelve years, the Foundation for Hospital Art has painted on Saturday mornings at The Carpenter's House, a rehabilitation unit of The Atlanta Union Mission. Men working to get their lives back together paint with volunteer groups from area churches, schools, companies, and civic groups. The paintings created at the mission have brightened the lives of thousands of patients in hospitals and nursing homes around the world, including Afghanistan, Iraq, South Africa, and many other nations.

The lives of the men in the Atlanta Union Mission program are often scarred by pain and loss. They enjoy the opportunity to commune with the local volunteers, who range from high school students to retirees, and can number 30 to 40 people on any given Saturday, to create something positive for people in hospitals.



QE Elfun PaintFest at Operation Lovejoy



Anne Pritchett, The Shoe Painter



Anne Pritchett: Mary Jane and George Banta Volunteer of the Year

Anne Pritchett first became acquainted with the Foundation for Hospital Art during a PaintFest at her church. Since then, she's become a regular at the Atlanta Union Mission paintings. "It's great the way everyone comes together to paint," she says. "You can see the effect that the painting has on everyone who comes in here."

Anne has become a favorite at the mission with her lively and charitable attitude. If you're in the Atlanta area, visit the Atlanta Union Mission on Saturday mornings and say hello to Anne. You'll know her by her sneakers!

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- Volunteer in Roswell studio (M-F)
- Volunteer at the Carpenter's House on Saturday mornings in Atlanta
- Introduce the FFHA to my company
- Organize a PaintFest
- Arrange for a presentation to my religious group or a club
- Donate an In-kind gift
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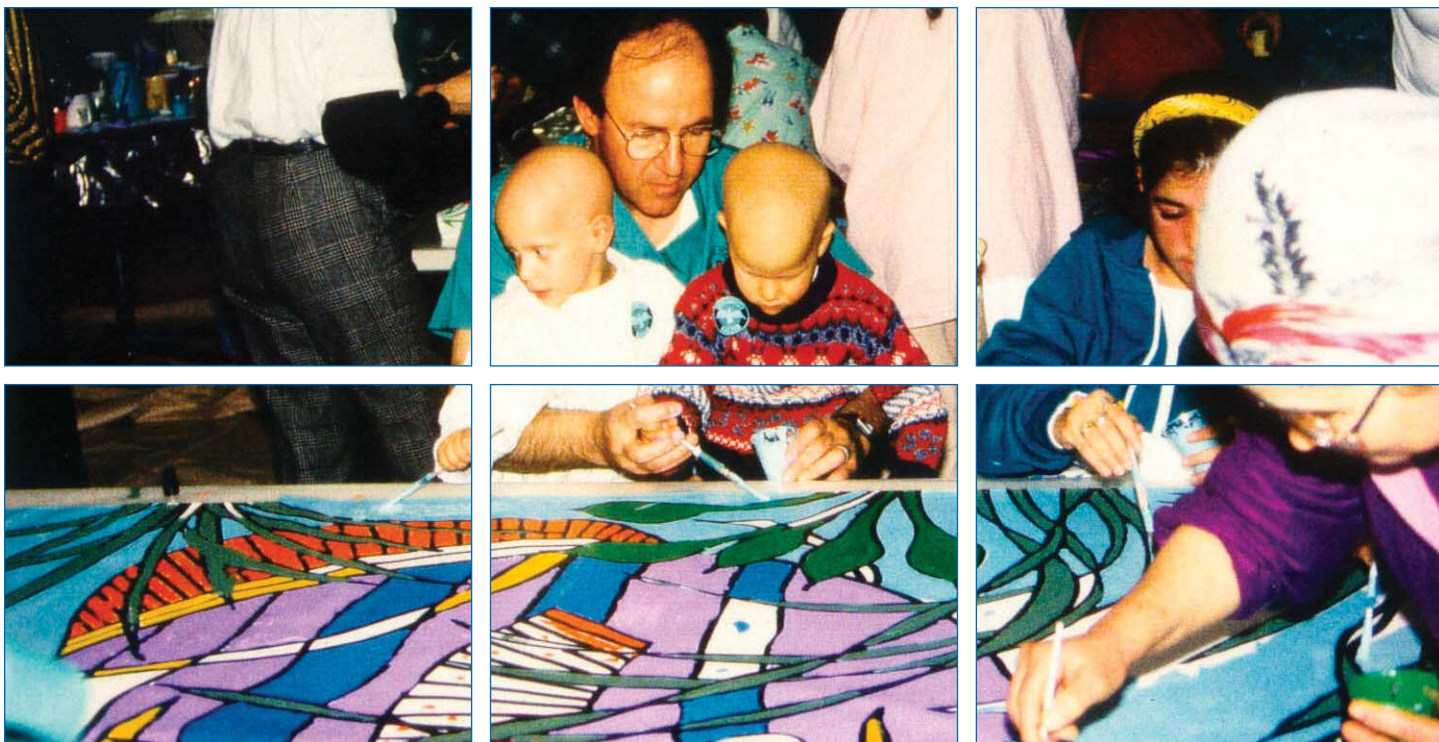
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Art transcends all boundaries. In this photograph from Jerusalem, the Foundation for Hospital Art brought together Arab and Israeli children at Hadassah University Hospital in Ein Kerem. Political differences vanished with the first stroke of a brush.

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