

HEARTS OF HOPE

5' x 5' canvas, mural ♥ acrylic, puffy and textured paints

ARTIST STATEMENT

My goal for this painting was to creatively send a message that hope and love always win – no matter what obstacles lie in the way. Using 150 hearts designed by the amazing kids at Camp Discovery who are battling cancer, the “Hearts of Hope” mural was created. Every camper was asked to think about what love and hope mean to them before they started to paint their individual heart. It’s their young wisdom and inspiring words that are engraved in the frame. I chose to keep the background black to help showcase their artwork and allow the different colors to pop. As an artist and a teacher, it’s always amazing to witness children expressing themselves when given some paint, a paintbrush and a lot of freedom. I wanted these particular kids to be in a space where they could forget about their disease, even for a short while, and use their creativity and mind to design something meaningful and fun. Each of them has a story to share and a place in this world to make a difference. Working with children with cancer allowed me to see their hearts. My constant concern when working on this mural was to convey the sensitivity, the hope, and the pain behind the cancer. Each brush stroke the children made is a statement. I’ve always felt that storytelling is essential to this piece as each signature heart tells a story about these special children, their dreams, their worries, their family, their friends, and the fine line of enjoying childhood, and living with cancer. This is a completely new way for me to work, and I am honored to be part of their imaginations.

-FARYL, ARTIST, DESIGNS BY FARYL



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