

## Celebrating Youth Art For Healing's 10th Year!

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## **OUR 10th YEAR!**

As Youth Art For Healing celebrates its 10-year anniversary, it is appropriate to reflect on our exceptional decade of students creating inspiring, comforting, and healing works of art to positively affect patients, their loved ones, and healthcare professionals.

After launching 10 years ago, with 58 students at three schools creating 68 pieces of art that were installed in a single healthcare facility, YAFH concluded the 2021-22 school year with 303 students creating 204 artworks for eight different healthcare sites.

Even more remarkable, many thousands of people have viewed the students' art since our founding, bringing contentment and harmony to healthcare sites around the Washington, DC metropolitan area.





Paintings by students from A. Mario Loiederman Middle School (left) and Wheaton High School (right).

That significant milestone is notable by itself, as a growing body of research suggests that art in healthcare facilities can improve mental, physical, and emotional well-being, quicken recovery, reduce stress on patients and healthcare workers, and create a positive and soothing environment.

Since YAFH was created as a non-profit in 2012, it has brought nearly 1,900 works of art skillfully created by students from 51 schools into 31 healthcare locations. Today, YAFH stands as the only known charity of its kind in North America.





Paintings by students from Montgomery Blair High School (left) and Thomas S. Wootton High School (right).

"I am always impressed and inspired by our student artists who embrace this unique opportunity to give to others through their art and to make a positive difference in the community," said Jan Papirmeister, Founder and Executive Director of Youth Art For Healing.

As YAFH enters its second decade, our mission is even more critical in unsettled times. With strategic long-term goals that include reaching more students, teachers, schools, and healthcare locations, we plan to continue increasing our extraordinary impact on the community.





Paintings by students from Richard Montgomery High School (left) and Albert Einstein High School (right).

## **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to your support and commitment, we have been able to carry out our mission. Please consider giving a donation this year to help support our students who create healing art to bring smiles and comfort to patients and their loved ones, and healthcare professionals.

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Support from great partners like you enriches the lives of patients, families, students, and healthcare professionals! No amount is too small – every dollar makes a difference!

Please give online at YouthArtForHealing.org/Donate

## Your donation is fully tax-deductible.

Youth Art For Healing is a 501(c)3 organization. Our mission is to bring works of art created by youth into healthcare environments to provide a sense of comfort, inspiration, and healing for patients and their loved ones, and healthcare professionals.

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