Coming Soon: 2023 YAFH Virtual Art Shows!

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Dear Friends of YAFH,

During the 2022-23 school year, 209 student artists from 12 schools created 156 beautiful works of art – 119 paintings for permanent installation at five healthcare sites and 37 Gifts of Gratitude paintings for healthcare workers at three hospitals.

YAFH was very excited to display all 156 paintings at our 2023 Art Show, which you can read about below. We're now putting finishing touches on our two Virtual Art Shows, which will be posted on our website **www.YouthArtForHealing.org** and emailed to you next week.

The Virtual Art Show Preview below is a sample of the paintings by student artists from all 12 schools. Enjoy viewing the students' vibrant and uplifting works of art!

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Jan Papirmeister
YAFH Founder & Executive Director

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*To view all 156 Youth Art For Healing paintings from the 2022-23 school year, please visit our website **www.YouthArtForHealing.org**.*

2023 YOUTH ART FOR HEALING ART SHOW

On April 26, our 2022-23 student artists and YAFH community gathered at the Silver Spring Civic Building for our first in-person Art Show since 2019. Student artists from 12 schools in the Washington Metro Area created 156 beautiful paintings for six healthcare sites, including 119 works of art for permanent installation and 37 Gifts of Gratitude paintings for healthcare workers. We thanked and celebrated the student artists, who received Certificates of Appreciation and prints of their paintings.

Jan Papirmeister, YAFH Founder & Executive Director, and Carol Berman, Chair of the YAFH Board of Directors & Lead Art Advisor, welcomed attendees, shared their admiration for the students who created comforting works of art for others, and expressed their gratitude for everyone who has supported YAFH over the years.

Pictured Left: Jan Papirmeister, YAFH Executive Director, and Carol Berman, Chair of the YAFH Board of Directors, welcome everyone to the Art Show. Pictured Right: some of the student artists in attendance at the Show.

Sarah Harnish, Co-Coordinator & Instructor of the MCPS Visual Art Center at Albert Einstein High School, and Leesa Wishart, Director of Pediatrics and Joint & Spine Center at Holy Cross Hospital, reflected on their years working with YAFH. Ms. Harnish and her students, as well as Ms. Wishart, participated in YAFH's very first projects during the 2012-13 school year and have partnered with Youth Art For Healing for many years.

Graduating seniors Erin Malone and Isabel Acuna Marin were presented with this year's YAFH **Matt Papirmeister Award**. Each year, this award will be presented to two high school seniors in the form of a $2,500 scholarship for each student toward their post-secondary education. YAFH created this award for its student artists that honors the exemplary life of Matt Papirmeister, son of YAFH founder Jan Papirmeister and her husband Chuck. The award is designed not only to commemorate Matt's kind spirit and zest for life, but also to honor and support student artists who give to others through their art. Recently launched by YAFH, Erin and Isabel are the award's first recipients.

Isabel Acuna Marin (left) and Erin Malone (right), the first recipients of the YAFH Matt Papirmeister Award, with YAFH Executive Director Jan Papirmeister.

Youth Art For Healing appreciates everyone who attended the Art Show and all supporters of YAFH! To view more photographs from the Show, visit our **2023 YAFH Art Show Gallery**.

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.