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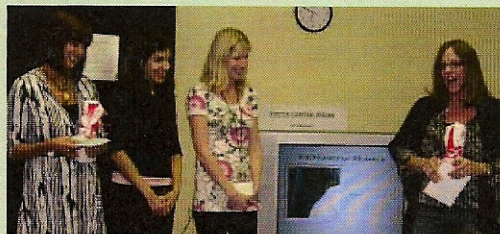
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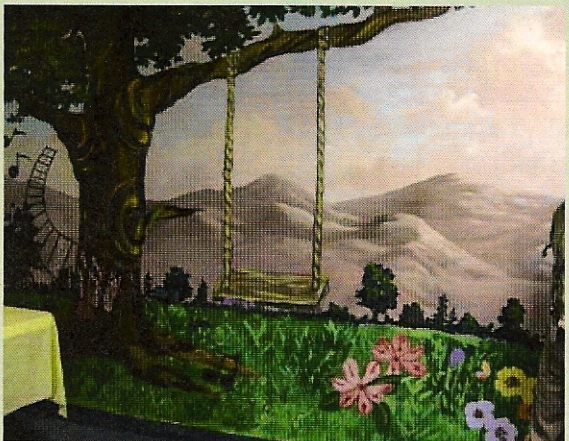
THE MURAL PROJECT AT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY TRAINING PROGRAM - LA

On January 14th, the OTTP Youth Center held a reception to celebrate the completion of their mural painted by 6 members of their youth group and OTTP staff. The group was led by artist Nichole Blackburn, who owns a non-profit, "Big Sky Countries", which is dedicated to donating murals to children organizations around the world and has completed murals in Thailand, the Philippines, Bolivia, Ireland, New Orleans, and now in Torrance. For 3 months, the mural group developed the ideas for the mural, learned art techniques, as well as improved their social skills in the weekly group. The theme of the mural was called "Creating Our Space", which derived from the group's idea of a safe place and the happiest moments in their lives and to create a safe place for other youth who will come to the Youth Center after them. Images of tree swings, music, beaches, balconies, the night sky and shooting stars are examples of their ideas and were incorporated into the mural.

A news piece was done by the South Bay Time Warner Cable Company showcasing the mural and the OTTP Youth Center. Throughout the day for a two day period in January the piece was aired on CNN Headline News. Congrats to OTTP-LA for an inspiring and exciting project in the community. Please check out the video at: http://www.twcsocalnews.com/index.php?option=com_sevret&task=videodirectlink&Itemid=26&id=1349



l-r Nichole Blackburn, Artist, Michal Berkson, OTTP, Elizabeth Carley, OTTP and Jeri Reeder, So.Bay Time Warner Cable



ROSIE MAE JACKSON RECEIVES CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION



Rosie Jackson & Herbert Hatanaka

Rosie Mae Jackson, Project Director, Hurting & Hungry, received a *Certificate of Recognition* from the City of Los Angeles in December 2008. The office of Herb Wesson, Councilmember, 10th District, presented Ms. Jackson with the certificate on behalf of the City. The certificate states:

Thank you for your dedicated service in providing much needed services to our communities. Your sincere desire to assist families in their struggles with poverty, illiteracy, drugs and violence is to be commended. The City of Los Angeles is a better place because of your commitment to helping those in need.

Ms. Jackson has been serving hot meals and distributing groceries to desperately needy individuals and families for over 25 years. She founded Hurting & Hungry, which has been part of the SSG family since 1985. She is recognized throughout the City and County of LA for her dedication and passion for her cause.