St. Paul's Hospital Healing Arts Program

St. Paul's Hospital Healing Arts Program in Saskatoon is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of patients, families, caregivers and the community through the creative arts. The Healing Arts Program was initiated in 2005 to expand on all St. Paul's core values with special attention to holistic care, a philosophy that takes into consideration the whole person.

It has evolved to include a full-time artist in residence, part-time music therapist, volunteer artists, and community partnerships.

The mission of the program is to provide care that encourages an individual's well-being by creating an environment that encourages expression, healing, and meaning through the multidisciplinary arts. Visual arts and music are offered either by the bedside or in common areas where all are welcome to participate or just enjoy the expression of art.

The arts have been known to develop and heal community as well as enhance cultural literacy. The Healing Arts Program works on building positive collaborative partnerships in the community through the arts. Youth and adults come to volunteer with the Healing Arts Program to paint and connect with patients and caregivers. These relationships allow participants in our neighbourhood to feel a connection to St. Paul's, build self esteem and transferable skills while contributing to community, ownership and respect.

There are over 200 pieces of art displayed throughout the hospital.

Healing Art Galleries are committed to contributing to the aesthetics of SPH. Art has and continues to transform our hospital environment from a traditional hospital setting to one of colour and inspiration by displaying artwork created by patients, families, caregivers, community artists and community organizations.

Contributors

The Healing Arts Program is a collaborative partnership though SPH Mission Office with

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support from Volunteer Workforce. The team of artists consist of the Artist in residence, Music Therapist and volunteers artists.

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