

# Room to Heal Foundation

*Giving Kids Some Room to Heal*

## Ocean Animals Bring Smiles to Pediatrics



Some of the volunteers who made this big project possible.

Imagine you must rush your child to the hospital for an unexplained high fever, a broken arm, or surgery. Most people don't think about what the walls of the hospital will look like when they get there. Most people won't ever think that it matters. However, to those parents who must stay in the hospital for more than a few hours, their surroundings become a little more relevant. Finding ways to distract your sick child can be both challenging and frustrating.

It was time for Room to Heal to bring their vision and creativity to the pediatric wing at Queen of the Valley Hospital.

With the help of our "wood whacker" Carl Snyder, the painting talents of our many different volunteers, and the amazing and extensive basecoat painting by Marce Painting, we were able to create an underwater oasis and breathe life into the walls of pediatrics. The three day project was a big hit.

Children and their parents enjoyed

wandering the halls and watching the ocean scenes unfold. They were excited to discover which animal would be placed on their door. Parents enjoyed watching their children's prints turned into fish and jellyfish. Nurses welcomed the splashes of color and were thankful for the smiles that the artwork brought to their young patients.

The halls were filled with fish, sea lions, whales, crabs, coral, and seaweed. Each room was given its own



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### *What's Next?*

The next project involves a four-room make-overs for a foster home in Trabuco Canyon. The Boys & Girls' Town "Baby Home" for children under eight is a local project that we felt would allow us to make the difference in the lives of nine children who could benefit from a healing space.

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unique animal to help patients remember which room was theirs. The nurses' station was home to dolphins and a sea otter. All of the animals were created with love and designed to bring smiles to the faces of the children who must occupy those beds in pediatrics.

If you are interested in joining our amazing team of volunteers, we would love to have you! Please call or email us with any questions or to let us know if you can join us:

**Tuesdays 8:30am - 12:30pm**  
**24 Torrey Pines, Coto de Caza**

### Making the stay a little more bearable...

Doing a project in the pediatric wing of a hospital is full of challenges. The biggest challenge was trying our best not to disturb the many young patients. However, to help bring a little joy, we implemented the handprints (and footprints) of the patients into our pictures. It was one small way that we could make a trip to the hospital a little more enjoyable and to create a memory that will remain long after the children have gone home.

Maria washes the feet of our youngest "helper," a 10-day old patient!



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