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Note to Editors: Media are welcome to attend and cover this event. Interviews are available with a Path with Art student and a Harborview patient, both of whom participated in the mural project. Note that Johnese Spisso, chief health system officer for UW Medicine, will be attending and providing the welcome.

Harborview Medical Center and Path with Art unveil collaborative mural project

WHAT: The general public is invited to join Harborview Medical Center and Path with Art to celebrate the completion of their summer-long, collaborative mural project for View Park, across the street from Harborview Medical Center. The project was led by local artist Kristen Ramirez. Attendees will have the chance to meet and speak with two participants, a Harborview patient and a frequent Path with Art student, who worked on the murals. Johnese Spisso, chief health system officer for UW Medicine and vice president of Medical Affairs for UW, will be providing the welcome. Holly Jacobson, executive director for Path with Art, and Peggy Weiss, director of Harborview's Art Program, will also be in attendance.

WHEN: **Thursday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m.**
Media are welcome to arrive earlier to set up.

WHERE: View Park
779 Alder St, 98104
Near the Harborview Medical Center helipad.



Participant interviews: We are happy to arrange time for interviews with Path with Art student Janine Boyer and Harborview Medical Center patient Enrique Martinez before or after the event.

In 2008, **Janine Boyer** was an accomplished architectural draftsman and professor at South Seattle Community College. Then, she had what she calls an “episode” of schizophrenia that led to her 6-week hospitalization at Harborview and later led her to the YWCA, where she learned of Path with Art. Since 2010, Janine has been taking art classes as a way of dealing with her illness, and can now add painting and helping design the View Park mural to her list of accomplishments. She said that participating in art projects makes her feel less vulnerable to her illness and helps her meet other people.

Another participant is **Enrique Martinez**, a Harborview patient who was in a car accident and is currently in a wheelchair, working to regain use of his legs. Regarding the impact the mural has had on his life, he said it frees his mind from dwelling on the accident. Although Enrique’s life took a dramatic turn, art and collaboration help him recover.

Interviews can also be arranged with **Kristen Ramirez**, Path with Art teaching artist and leader of the mural project; **Holly Jacobson**, executive director for Path with Art; and **Peggy Weiss**, director of Harborview Medical Center’s Art Program.

Large-format photos of the mural’s creation are available for download in HSNewsBeat’s image gallery.

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About Path with Art

Path with Art provides in-depth arts and community engagement for adults in recovery from homelessness, addiction, mental illness and other trauma who are working to regain stability and rebuild their lives. Through collaboration with 30 social service partners, professional teaching artists and arts and culture organizations, Path with Art achieves its mission-driven goals to foster self-esteem, break down the traditional barriers that exist in accessing art and raise awareness of issues facing homeless adults and those in recovery.

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About Harborview Medical Center

Harborview Medical Center is owned by King County, governed by a county-appointed Board of Trustees, and managed by UW Medicine. It is the region's only Level I adult and pediatric trauma and burn center. Harborview also provides specialized services for vascular, orthopedics, neurosciences, ophthalmology, behavioral health, HIV/AIDS and complex critical care.

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