

# WE ARE OKA

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## The 2011 OKA Senior Art Show

I really enjoyed the OKA senior Art show. JJ Tiziou, the guest speaker, talked to me, and I think it was a blessing to hear what he had to say. "Everyone is photogenic," he said. He talked about the mural he is working on which will soon be the second largest mural in the world. He also talked to me about his photography and upcoming projects and I was really inspired by him. Going to the senior show made me think about how I'll be able to display and sell my art when I graduate high school, which is something to look forward to. I loved seeing Natalie Nunez, Nifeese Campbell, And Sandy Savonn 's art work on display, and enjoyed seeing how much they have improved and grown as artist's and children of God since they were my age.

My favorite piece from the art show was Natalie's "Big fish". I loved the style of the drawing and I wanted to do something like it later on. All the money that was made from the art work that was sold at the show goes to the students' college fund. I had an overall great time; I can't wait until my senior show!

-Julie



## Movement Express!

Last Thursday, the OKA House had its very first dance class of the summer. Every Tuesday and Thursday for the rest of July, we will be collaborating hip hop and modern dance in order to learn more about dance and choreography as an art form. Dance, when used to express yourself, is inspiring to watch and leaves an impact that is larger than life. The children and young teenagers of Hunting Park are fierce dancers. They're full of energy and passion. They love to have a good time when they move and they aren't afraid to show it! I am happy to have worked with such an eager and willing group so far. We're building up our movement banks little by little and they are all acquiring a remarkable amount of value.

-Belle

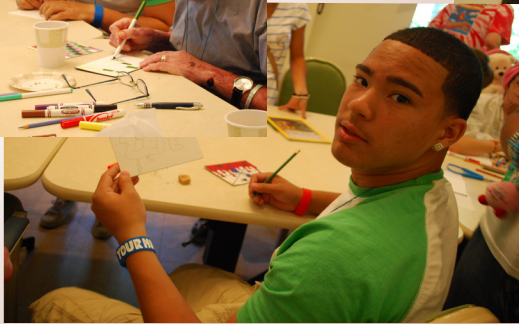
# Art with Sacred Heart

## Save the Date!

August 12-Artists 4 Ayuda Show

This summer at OKA the interns and volunteers will be visiting the Sacred Heart Home every Thursday for six weeks to not only give the patients experience with different types of art work, but also learn from what the patients have to say and how they feel about the life they have lived. This past week, the interns and volunteers visited the home for the first time with a project to make no-sew pillows. In their first experience, they met lots of wonderful people.

Anthony worked on a tie-dye pillow with a man by the name of Pat who had lots to say about life. He told Anthony “You cannot not learn anything, learn all you can and then learn more”. He also told Anthony that he thought Sister Christina was cute. Sister Christina was a very lively lady who laughed very much and worked on a pillow with Faith. While some of us worked with our pillows and spoke to our partners, Janelle and Abigail worked with Ray who loved tie-dye and had a hoagie fest Wawa shirt on. He also loved the Phillies and recently went to a game and enjoyed it very much and soon will be attending another game. The interns and volunteers can’t wait to visit the home once again this week to start the new art project that they have planned out.



-Gloria

### About Sacred Heart Home:

Sacred Heart Home was established by the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne for needy incurable cancer patients, without discrimination as to race, creed, or national origin. Sacred Heart is supported entirely by the generosity of a sympathetic public. It is the hope of the Sisters that their patients will feel welcome in an atmosphere of peace and warmth, where love, understanding and compassion prevail.