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First-of-a-Kind Tampa/Jordanian International Kid's Art Exhibit Makes U.S. Debut August 12 at Children's Board

Editor's Note: *The "My Home" Exhibit will premiere at 1 p.m., Tuesday, August 12th at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, 1002 E. Palm Ave., Tampa, and will be attended by the children and local artists involved in its creation. They will be available to interview and share their thoughts about the project.*

TAMPA, FL – The Kidz Create Gallery at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County will host a reception celebrating the installation of its first international art exchange project, "My Home" at 1 p.m. on August 12. The exhibit, encouraging understanding, is created by children from Tampa and Jordan and will be unveiled for the first time in the U.S. at the event; it has just returned from exhibition in Amann, Jordan.

The Kidz Create Gallery is Tampa's first public art gallery designed to showcase the artwork of both at-risk and mainstream schoolchildren.

Both murals comprise the traveling exhibit "My Home," designed to promote tolerance and understanding among cultures. Following its display at the Children's Board, the exhibit will appear in public venues throughout Florida.

The exhibit is accompanied by photo essays about the young artists from Jordan and Tampa who created them. The "My home" exhibit premiered in Jordan at the Children's Museum of Amman earlier this year.

Tampa children developed their part of the project with assistance from local artists who volunteered their services to make the project a reality.

The Children's Board of Hillsborough County operates Kidz Create, the community's first permanent art gallery created to showcase children's art from the human service community, Hillsborough Public Schools and its exceptional education programs. Gallery installations celebrate the diverse talent of all Hillsborough County children and travels upon request to county buildings, businesses, libraries and other venues.

The Children's Board serves as the leading voice and advocate for children and families in our community. The board is the only organization of its kind in Hillsborough County that generates revenue to help children and families. The Children's Board is recognized nationally for its contributions to best practices in policies and programs aiding children and families. Citizens may visit www.childrensboard.org to learn more about the board's programs.