

## MEDIA RELEASE

### WHITTIER YOUTH PRESENT THEIR WHIMSICAL WORLD OF ART

Young Artists Express Their Creativity Through Beautiful, Colorful,  
and Vivid Creations



South Whittier, June 13, 2019, – Students from the Community Resource Center (CRC) Homework Assistance Program (HAP), along with McKibben Elementary School and Plaza de la Raza Head Start brought bright and colorful art pieces to life for the annual *Whimsical World of Art Showcase*. Using multiple artistic techniques, the art instructors and staff steered the students to stretch their imaginations to create individual art pieces sense of whimsy, fun, and happiness.

The art pieces included Mexican folk art sculptures known as alebrijes, watercolor sea turtles textured with salt that provide a 3-D effect, and eggshell mosaic self-portraits. Through the art activities, students develop their creative capabilities and academic development by strengthening their thinking, analytic and memory skills, and most importantly, acquiring the ability to focus and concentrate on a task.

Monique King-Viehland, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), which operates the CRC, stated, “The arts can bring people together across demographic, economic, and social lines. It is important that we celebrate and support opportunities for artistic expression that can help our youth achieve academic and emotional success.”



The CRC is located at 10750 Laurel Avenue in South Whittier. For information on services provided by the CRC, please call (562) 946-2425, or visit the website at [www.swcrc.org](http://www.swcrc.org).

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