

Local Artist & Students Leave their Artistic Mark During Community Art Day

The Arts Institute of Middlesex County invites students, members of the RWJUH team, and the community to paint.

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Students, residents, and team members from [Middlesex College](#), [Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital](#), Roosevelt Elementary School in New Brunswick, the [Middlesex County Magnet Schools](#) Gifted and Talented Program, and the [Arts Institute of Middlesex County](#) gathered at the [New Brunswick Performing Arts Center](#) (NBPAC) on August 17 to paint a mural to be displayed at RWJ.

Attendees at Community Art Day were met with good vibes, good music provided by **DJ RunTheFade**, and good food. This combination made for a fun and creative atmosphere that was also great for networking — all while being part of a history-making event.

The mural, which was designed in partnership with [Martryce Roach](#) — a New Brunswick native and Rutgers alum who is serving as lead artist on this project, will bring art to the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital's central atrium corridor, brightening the long space with images of hope, unity, and community.

Over the past decade, Middlesex County has invested millions of dollars in providing access to art and culturally centered events through the Middlesex County Cultural and Arts Trust Fund, further serving the community and its interests in arts, culture, and history.

This collaboration between Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and the Arts Institute, known as the *Our Space* project, is the result of the strong relationship between [RWJBarnabas Health](#) and [Middlesex County](#), and part of a larger joint mission to strengthen the County's economy, educational system, and overall national footprint.

[Read more about the County and RWJBarnabas Health's partnership here.](#)

"Having been educated in the city of New Brunswick, mentoring with health professionals from Robert Wood Johnson, going to the university here, becoming a social worker and a public artist, and then coming back to Robert Wood Johnson to create this community mural feels like everything's coming full circle."

Martryce Roach



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