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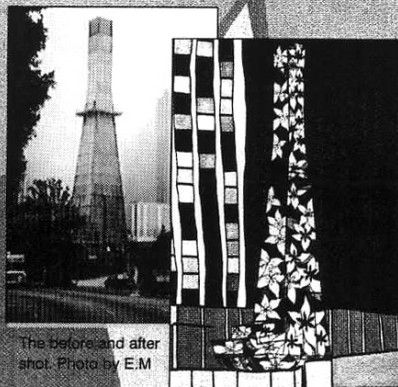
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Project 9865

Something extraordinary *is about to happen in California.*

Thousands of seriously ill children confined to hospital beds by cancer, AIDS, and other illnesses will soon embark on an incredible journey...an adventure providing happiness and a sense of accomplishment without leaving the hospital. I'm speaking of Project 9865.

Project 9865 is a statewide, grassroots endeavor that provides hospitalized children who face daily challenges of pain, isolation, and fear with a creative outlet that is both joyous and therapeutic. Over the next year, 4,000 seriously ill youngsters will transform an 11,000 sq. ft. decaying oil tower into the largest monument in the Western United States. This structure—which the children will paint in a floral design representing the four seasons, will stand as a testament to the will and spirit of children battling illness.



The before and after shot. Photo by E.M.

healthy and hospitalized children will culminate in one of the world's most recognizable and magnificent monuments, and will serve as an inspiring



Photo by Pam Neely

Here is how it works:

First, thousands of healthy kids gathered from California's schools, children's museums, scouting organizations, and boys and girls clubs will prepare the large panels with base coats. These panels will then be transported to thousands of pediatric care centers and oncology camps across of California.

From there, thousands of children suffering from serious illness will paint the floral pattern by freehand or using stencils. A specially designed paintbrush that affixes to a child's shoe has been made for children who are unable



Project Director, Ed Massey and brother Bernie Massey

to use their hands.

The vibrant, colorful panels will then be installed as the new exterior of the tower located in the heart of the Los Angeles metropolis, changing the cityscape forever.

This historic collaboration of both

tribute to children everywhere.

This Project is a non-profit 501(c)(3) endeavor funded by individual and corporate donations. For additional information, please visit the Project website at www.project9865.org.

We invite you to come to the Studio for a personal walkthrough at your earliest convenience. Please give us a call at 310/273-2352 to set up an appointment.

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