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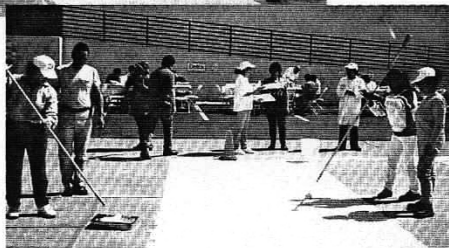
Portraits Of Hope, Project 9865

Every child needs a creative outlet and thanks to several companies, including Delta Technical Coatings, makers of Ceramcoat® acrylic paints, thousands of California children battling cancer, AIDS and other serious illnesses will have that opportunity. These children will paint 100 panels to represent the four seasons, transforming a decaying 15,000-square-foot Los Angeles oil tower into the largest monument in the western United States. The vision of California artist Ed Massey, this enormous project is equivalent to painting a surface area more than three times the size of the Sistine Chapel ceiling ... with the kids never leaving the hospital!

Healthy school children, scouts and other groups will take part first by laying the foundation or basecoats to the panels. Then the panels will be brought to pediatric care centers and oncology camps throughout the state where the hospitalized children will do



Employees at Delta take some time out from their workday to prime canvases for sick children to paint.



their thing with paintbrushes and other specially designed tools. Parents and siblings can join in, allowing the entire family to escape from the illness for a short while and experience a fun time together.

Named for the 16-story tower's street address, Project 9865 is a non-profit effort funded by donations from individuals, foundations and corporate sponsorships. To find out how you can support their efforts, visit their web site at www.project9865.org.