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*These youngsters at the Lindsay District Hospital pediatric unit add their touch to the nationally acclaimed awareness program, "Portraits of Hope" or Project 9865.*

## LDH patients contribute to 'Portraits of Hope'

**Lindsay** – Thousands of seriously ill children confined by hospital walls will soon embark on an incredible journey enabling them to contribute to something that expands those walls.

The "Portraits of Hope" organization is proud to present California with the largest monument in Western United States with a 11,000 sq. ft. tower which was designed for all young disabled children to take part.

It's called "Project 9865," and has included 4,00 seriously ill kids to have a part in transforming an 11,000 sq. ft. tower into a celebration of life in a design that represents the four

Each tower's side will represent one of the four seasons, transforming the tower into a colorful tribute to the legacy of these children. The tower is 13 feet taller than the Statue of Liberty and has three times the painting surface area of the Sistine Chapel ceiling.

"Portraits of Hope" was created by artist/author Ed Massey and Bernie Massey, Director of the Center of American Studies and culture. Portraits of Hope is aimed to enhancing the quality of life for hospitalized children and seniors at adult care centers. Project 9865 involves children from every pediatric unit in the state of California, and is a part of a larger creative program called "Portraits of Hope."

Project chairs include Senator Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, and also had the help of hundreds of California institutions including hospitals, oncology, Aids camps, schools, youth organizations, churches and synagogues.