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Youth Mural Project Unveiled on April 20th!

Kitchener: During the week of March break, 15 refugee youth created a mural on a wall at the Family Centre. The purpose of the week’s exercise was to not only create a beautiful and inspirational work of art, but also to provide these youth with an opportunity for personal growth and self-expression, the development of teamwork skills, the discovery and development of artistic talent, and to participate in something fun and unifying.

This project was an initiative of Mosaic Counselling and Family Services, Reception House Waterloo Region, and The Family Centre. Artist Pamela Rogas, who is responsible for the creation of the mural at K-W Multicultural Centre, shared her expertise and guided the youth in this endeavour.

We are excited to announce that they will share their creation at an unveiling ceremony this Saturday, April 20th at The Family Centre, 65 Hanson Avenue, Kitchener from 12 – 2 p.m. 75 people including the artists and their families are expected to attend.

Members of the media are invited to Saturday’s unveiling.

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ABOUT MOSAIC
Mosaic provides individual counselling, group programs, credit counselling and community outreach services to children, men, women, couples and families. Mosaic is recognized for its wide-ranging expertise in the field of mental health, children and youth development, domestic violence prevention and service delivery, and the provision of services for new Canadians and refugees. Mosaic is also the home of Pathways to Education and the Family Violence Project of Waterloo Region.

ABOUT RECEPTION HOUSE
Reception House Waterloo Region is a temporary home for government-assisted refugees. Approximately 280 newly-arrived refugees and about 100 secondary migrants are served each year. Reception House provides temporary accommodation, orientation, and information about how to better adjust to living in this new society, assists each person or family to find permanent accommodation and register for necessary documents, and most importantly, ensures that newcomers feel welcome, safe and secure in their new environment.