

Children help to brighten their home

BUDDING young artists brightened up the walls of Provo Children's Home (PCH) this week during a fun painting session.

A school of vibrant fish, a pelican and a turtle now adorn the walls, bringing colour, beauty and a sense of ownership to the resident children.

A spokesperson for the children's home said: "The PCH children and friends had a wonderful day painting and now have the fruits of their labours to view daily."

Dick and Sue Hammill, from Georgia, donated the 18 piece kits and additional supplies to the home during a trip to the islands.

They helped the children to paint the three stunning Caribbean murals on Saturday along with staff and board members.

The couple plan to take their 'Paint Fest' idea to Canada next where they will encourage residents to paint murals for local hospitals on behalf of the Foundation for Hospital Art.

The foundation's mission emerged out of the work of John Feight in the 1970s.

While volunteering at a hospital once a week he discovered patients staring at blank walls, depressed and in pain.

He decided to give comfort and love to those in hospitals by painting the traditional sterile blank walls into walls of colour and interest.

In 1984, the idea that art can give comfort and love became a mission under the name The Foundation for Hospital Art.

With the hands and hearts of more than 500,000 volunteers, the



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foundation has donated 36,000 paintings to 3,000 hospitals and nursing homes in 194 countries.

For more information on the foundation visit www.hospitalart.org