

# Silver Award Project Utility

**Facility:** Fresenius Medical Care - Arnold

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**Project Status:** Active

## 1. Description of Project:

Posters were hung in two different clinics 7 miles away from each other. One clinic is in a suburban area - 55 patients, the other is in a rural area - 30 patients. The clinic populations have some similarities, some differences.

### The Set Up:

The social worker was the lead in this project. Two large coloring posters were hung at each clinic. One in the lobby - WELCOME and the second in the staff breakroom - One Day At A Time. A variety pack of color markers were supplied at each poster and a sign encouraging everyone's participation was hung next to the posters in the lobby. The social worker encouraged patients to participate in the group project and asked the secretary, whose office faces the lobby, to encourage people to color when she sees them. Photos were taken at the outset and after the project time frame was completed to document progress.

### Time Frame:

Posters were hung the first week of January and remained in place until completed or the last week of March.

## 2. Outcomes Measured:

### Hypothesis:

- People will enjoy the activity
- The posters will be completed before three months
- The suburban clinic will participate in the activity more than the rural clinic.

## 3. Summary of Outcomes/Results:

### Outcome:

The activity was well received, especially by the suburban clinic. The suburban clinic had outside visitors contribute to the project. Stretcher van drivers were seen coloring while waiting for their patient to finish treatment. Patients and their families enjoyed coloring on the lobby poster during wait times. Staff enjoyed coloring on the break room poster during breaks or before leaving for the day. Staff made mention that it was a relaxing activity to get their mind off work, if even for a few minutes.

The rural clinic posters were not taken advantage of as much as the suburban poster. The rural clinic staff did not get into the activity as much as the suburban clinic staff.

### Hypothesis Results:

- Staff and Patients DID enjoy the activity
- 1 poster was completed by the 3 month time frame (suburban lobby poster)
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## 4. Impact on Patients:

### Thoughts:

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## 5. Lessons Learned:

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### Fresenius Tesson Ferry/Arnold Dialysis Clinics Project Evaluation

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## Photos:

### Tesson Lobby Start of Project



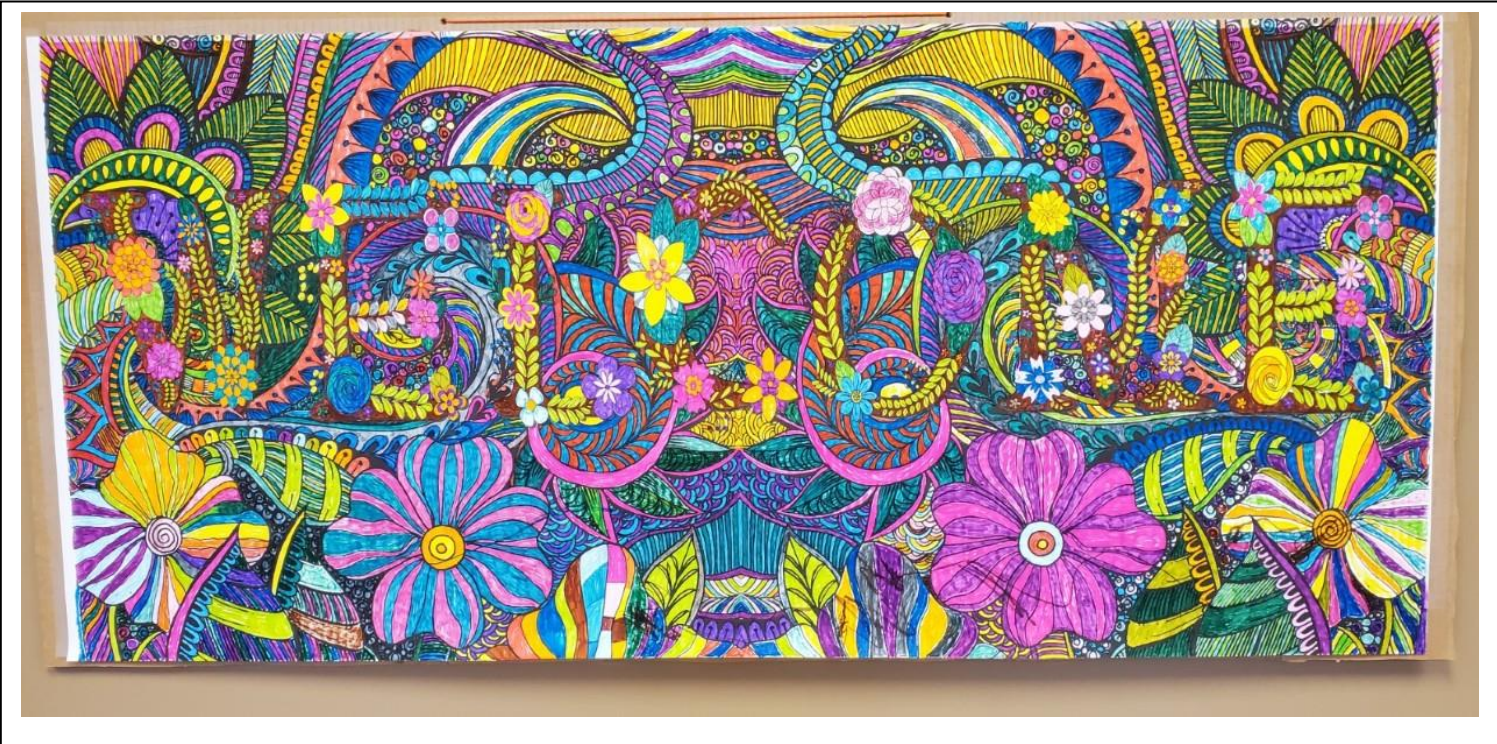
### Tesson Lobby Poster Start of Project



Tesson Poster



Tesson Lobby Poster Final



Tesson Breakroom Poster

