

"Morgan Hill Together"

**Shelter-in-Place Window-Art Competition for Youth
&
MH Community Disaster relief Fundraiser**

ABOUT THE COMPETITION

A theme-based competition for youth Pre K – 12 in 5 age categories. Contest deadline: June 30, Results: July 4

A joint-venture between many organizations - members volunteered their time and expertise from (1) the Morgan Hill Community Foundation, (2) El Toro Culture & Arts Committee, (3) Morgan Hill City and (4) Library Culture & Arts Commission, (5) Anaerobe Systems and (6) Morgan Hill Art School (7) Morgan Hill Unified School District. Prizes were contributed by the Morgan Hill Community Foundation and El Toro Culture & Arts Committee.

It was created with a dual purpose - (i) as a vehicle for self-expression for our youth, as they reflected on our interconnectedness even while apart during the COVID-19 Shelter-in-Place orders – and (ii) to raise awareness of the newly formed Morgan Hill Disaster Relief Fund, thus allowing our youth to participate in a philanthropic cause while they expressed themselves through art. The fund is umbrellaed under the Morgan Hill Community Foundation (MHCF), and currently supporting those in need due to the COVID 19/SIP orders. The community is encouraged to contribute to this fund.

While a competition motivates them to do their best, students make a significant difference just by participating in it - the creative, beautiful, and self-expressive artwork we received truly connected with our entire community in these extraordinary times - and donations made by the public benefited a worthy cause.

Primary Age Category (Pre K-2)

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'Love' - Gavin Wendt



'All You Need is Love' - Jaxson Filice



'We are all "growing" through this together' -
Paisley Locicero-Dougherty



'Together at Library' – Myla Carr

Primary Age Category (Pre K–2nd)



'We Love Morgan Hill' – Trent Howarth



'Morgan Hill Mushrooms Stand Together' –
Lucy Cole



'Pokemon zaps Corona Virus for Morgan Hill!' – Sebastian Luyer



Morgan Hill by Penny – Penny Allred

‘Primary’ Age Category (Pre K–2nd)



‘Love All Around’ – Mia Trammell

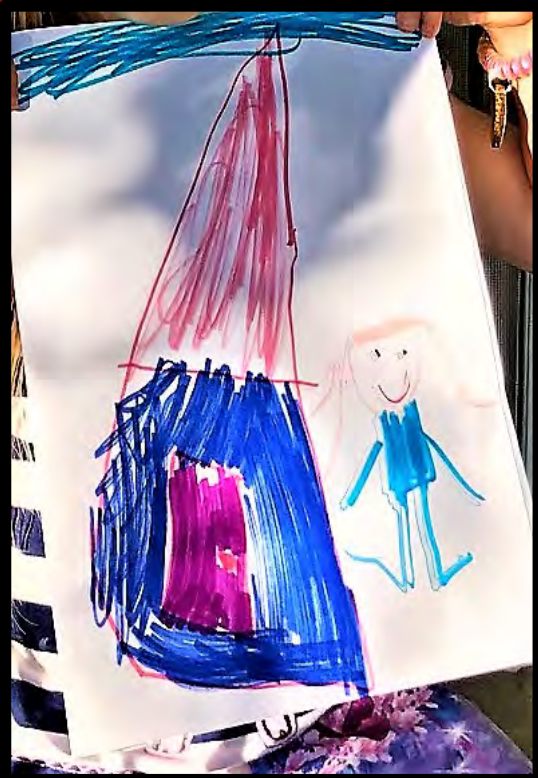


‘Love is a Kite’ - William Osborne

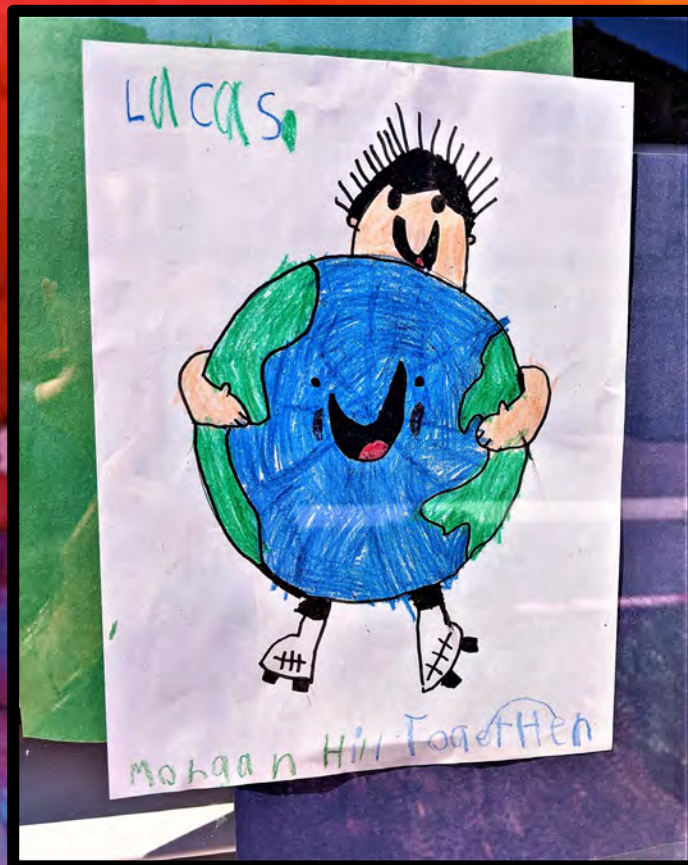


‘My Art’ - Lucas Miramontes

‘Primary’ Age Category (Pre K–2nd)



‘Me at home, all the time’
– Aria Cole



‘Together’ - Lucas Canizares



Genevieve Hazel's - Rainbow



‘Open Arms’ - Raleigh Gaich



‘The Great Indoors’ - Sam & Jonah

‘Primary’ Age Category (Pre K–2nd)

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‘Race Winner’ – August Aguirre



‘We Stand Together’ – Isabella Gil



‘Slime Suncatchers’ – Lily Fiorito



‘The Rainbow of Morgan Hill’ – Ava Lee Maci

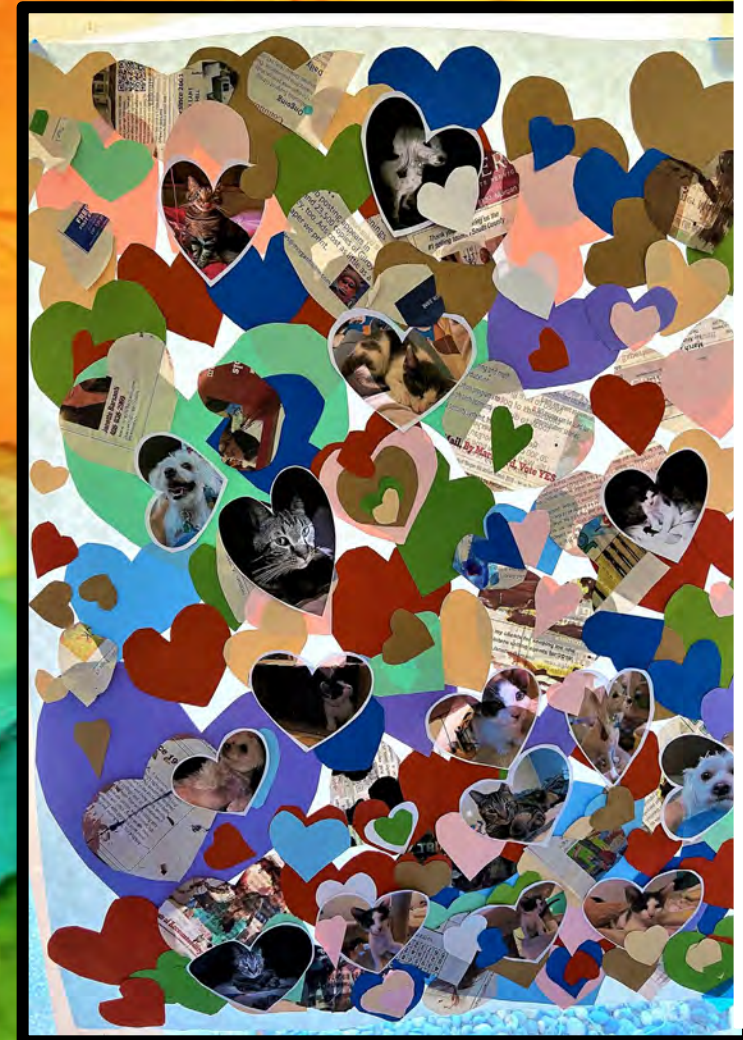
‘Intermediate’ Age Category (3rd–5th)



‘Safe at Home’ – Lily Lehrfeld



‘We Rise by Lifting Others’ – Lucy Fleischer



‘Love Comes in All Sizes’ - Miriam

'Intermediate' Age Category (3rd-5th)



We All Need a Break - Jake Moss



'Floating Heart' - Lennox Gaich

'Middle' Age Category (6-8)

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'Be Safe & Healthy' – Jimena Ortega



'Paint Your World Beautiful' – Emma Mattson



'Finding Hope' - Isaiah Brown

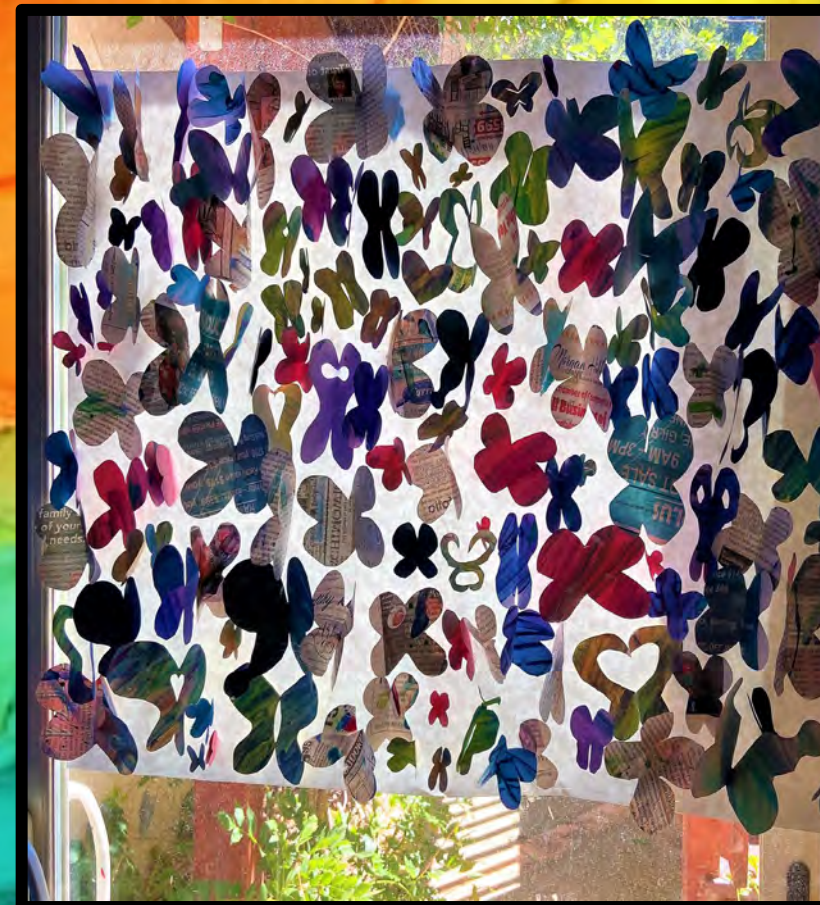
'Middle' Age Category 6th–8th)



'Morgan Hill Together' –Evie Lehrfeld



'Morgan Hill Soaring' –Sarah Mattson



'Butterflies Together' - Clara Shem-Tov

‘High’ Age Category (9th–12th)



‘Still Catching Dreams’ – Ashlee Fiorito



‘Unite’ – Natalie Nielsen

‘High’ Age Category (9th–12th)

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‘We Are in This Together’ – Madelyn Collier



‘We Will Get Through This’ – Alexis Long

THE JUDGING PROCESS

Our esteemed judges who gave their time and effort to judge the art entries in selected categories:

Nick Gaich, president of the MHCF

Steve Betando, MHUSD superintendent

Heather Geddes, Morgan Hill librarian

Marilyn Wendt, the contest & fundraiser was her brainchild

Elwira Maszara, Valle del Sur artist

Susan Graeser, Valle del Sur artist

Pamala Meador, local artist and president of ETC & Arts

No family member judged the category in which their kids or grandkids participated. Judging was blind - judges only saw the artwork with a number, and the artist statement. Each entry was scored for artistic merit and emotional impact (or the ability to touch our hearts and spirit). **Interpretation of the theme** was given the most weightage – over technique.

RESULTS

There are Five Grade Divisions

- (i) Primary (PreK - 2nd),
- (ii) Intermediate (3rd - 5th),
- (iii) Middle School (6th – 8th),
- (iv) High School (9th – 12th),
- (v) Special Artist Division (we received no entries in this category)

Two awardees per division were selected. (1st place, 2ndplace) And ONE GRAND PRIZE WINNER across all categories. They will be recognized by local MH leaders and news media. The Artist's Statement (Describe your work and how it relates to the theme) was considered when judging interpretation of theme.

The prize will be gift cards of their choice to local businesses in the amounts of:

\$125: Grand Prize

\$100: First Prize in each category

\$75: Second Prize in each category

Here are the results of the top two winners in each category, and our grand prize winner. Winners who are present are invited to speak.

2nd Prize 'Primary' Age Category Pre K-2

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'THE RAINBOW OF MORGAN HILL' by AVA LEE MACIEL

2nd Prize 'Intermediate' Age Category 3-5

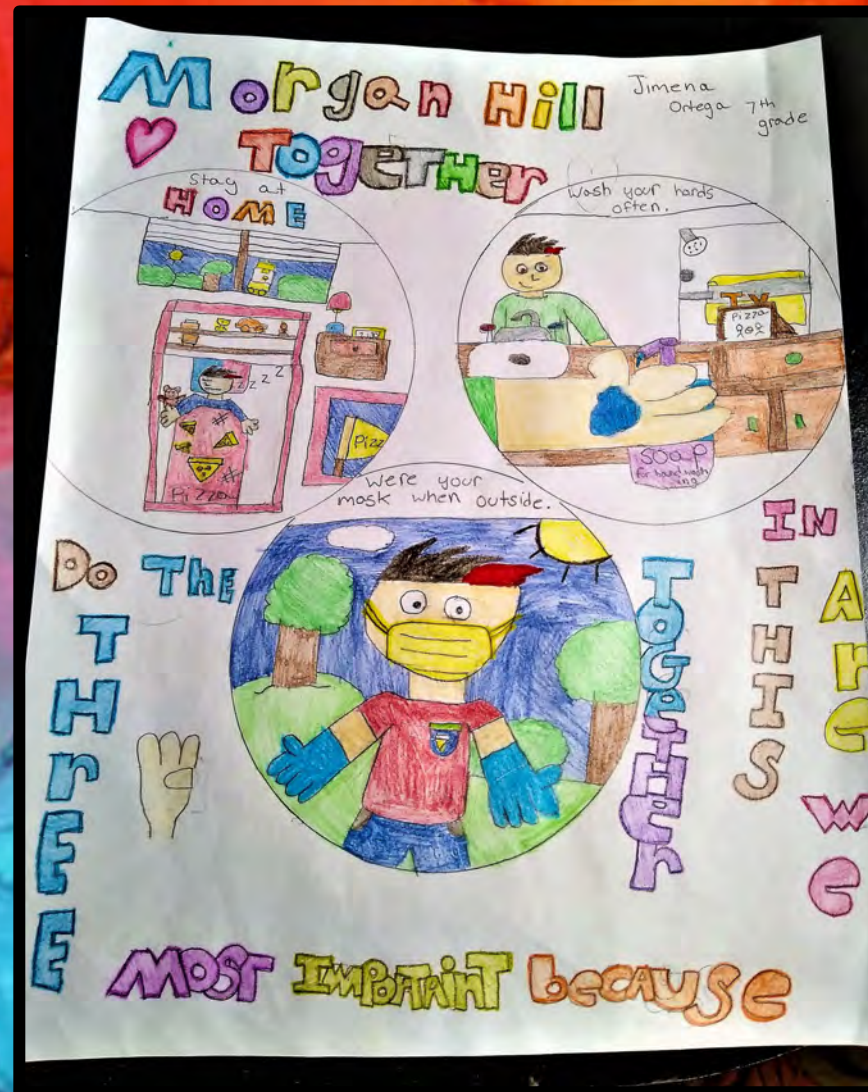
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'SAFE AT HOME' by LILY LEHRFELD

2nd Prize 'Middle' Age Category 6-8

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'BE SAFE AND HEALTHY' by JIMMY ORTEGA

2nd Prize 'High' Age Category 3-5



'UNITE' by NATALIE NIELSEN

1st Prize 'Primary' Age Category Pre K-2



'WE STAND ALONE' by ISABELLA GIL

1st Prize 'Intermediate' Age Category 3-5



'WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS' by LUCY FLEISCHER

1st Prize 'Middle' Age Category 3-5

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'MORGAN HILL TOGETHER' by EDIE LEHRFELD

1st Prize 'High' Age Category 9-12

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'WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS' by ALEXIS LONG

Grand Prize Winner Across All Categories

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'WE RISE BY LIFTING OTHERS' by LUCY FLEISCHER

RESULTS

Category	Name	Grade	Title of Artwork	Rank
1 Primary	Isabella Gil	K	We Stand Together!	1st
1 Primary	Ava Lee Maciel	1	The Rainbow of Morgan Hill	2nd
2 Intermediate	Lucy Fleischer	4	We Rise by Lifting Others	1st
2 Intermediate	Lily Lehrfeld	5	Safe at Home	2nd
3 Middle	Evie Lehrfeld	8	Morgan Hill Together	1st
3 Middle	Jimena Ortega	7	Be safe and healthy.	2nd
4 High	Alexis Long	11	We will get through this.	1st
4 High	Natalie Nielsen	10	Unite!	2nd



CONGRATULATIONS WINNERS!

WELL-DONE PARTICIPANTS!



**El Toro Culture and
Arts Commission**

