



ARTWORKS BY KDF PATIENTS AND CAREGIVERS

The following artworks featured in this catalogue were painted by our patients and their caregivers with help from MA Art Therapy postgraduates at LASALLE College of the Arts. The artworks are for sale in aid of low-income dialysis patients at KDF.

Each artwork is priced at \$300 each, inclusive of delivery. If you wish to purchase, please email daniel.yao@kdf.org.sg or call 6559 2650.



Title: Love

Artist: Jamamiah Binte Ibrahim

The artist chose to paint a cat because she has four cats at home, all of which are in shades of grey. Although she is the one at home who is the strictest with them – as they can be very naughty at times – she also finds the greatest comfort and love in them.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Healing

Artist: Jamamiah Binte Ibrahim

The image consists of a vase with flowers, ladybugs and a butterfly which all symbolises a sense of healing to the artist. The blue and white are calming, and the light colours allow the colourful little bugs to stand out.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: All is Well (竹报平安)

Artist: Low Khim Hong

Back in the artist's hometown, Putian, his family house was built in the middle of a bamboo forest. The thickets of bamboo trees protected his family from the strongest of storms, bending but never breaking. Knowing he would always be safe amongst the bamboo trees, thus '竹报平安' (all is well). It also symbolises resilience and bouncing back even in the most difficult of times.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Heaven On Earth (人间仙境)

Artist: Low Khim Hong

I have been on dialysis for the past 5 years. Now I have learnt to accept my struggles as I live a day at a time. I am grateful that through dialysis, I can regain hope for normality. This painting expresses my deepest wish, and that is to be in a place where the gods reside, and where there is peace and no pain. I imagine myself immersing in this serenity, passing each day by watching the birds fly by gracefully.

Canvas size: 24 inch x 24 inch



Title: 神龙呈祥 (The Dragon of Harmony)

Artist: Ho Ke Na

The word '祥' was chosen as the artist enjoys being at harmony with herself and others. Her dragon – a typically formidable and ferocious creature – is one exuding a spirit of magnificence and friendliness. It seems to be roaring in the heavens and swimming in the ocean; such free spirit and autonomy echoed something close to her heart.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Treasure Mountain (宝山)

Artist: Ho Ke Na

This painting is a metaphor for how I feel about my husband's illness. Although on the surface it looks barren and lifeless, it is nevertheless a 宝山 (a mountain that is rich in gold, minerals and precious matters). My husband may have become weak in appearance, but in my eye, he is still the same wonderful person I spent my whole life with all these years.

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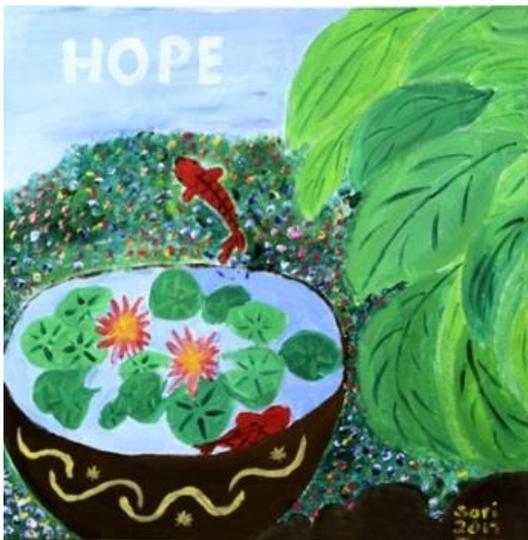


Title: Freedom

Artist: Sariah Bte Sarip

This is the garden in the artist's heart. The butterflies give a sense of freedom as they flutter and fly in the sky. The grass and flowers are a reminder of the cycle of life. Some are starting to grow and bloom, some are touching the sky, while some have come to the end of their life and fallen. Colours are darkest at the bottom, heavy, but gets lighter as it goes up. It is an expression of the feelings of the artist.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Hope

Artist: Saripah Bte Sarip

This painting was done to show relaxation and calmness. The plants and flowers symbolises promise, as it grows and blossoms into vibrant colours. This signifies hope for the future, especially for the younger generation, who will learn from the older generations and blossom into great hope for the country.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Cute (可爱!)

Artist: Yong Siong Chye

The first thoughts of the animal theme that came to the artist's mind was a cat, and the imminent comic character Garfield was born. Relaxed and aloof, a sited Garfield shows a thumbs up. The canvas is coloured with the artist's favourite colours of Garfield in shades of orange, with the blue sky and orange ground in the backdrop.

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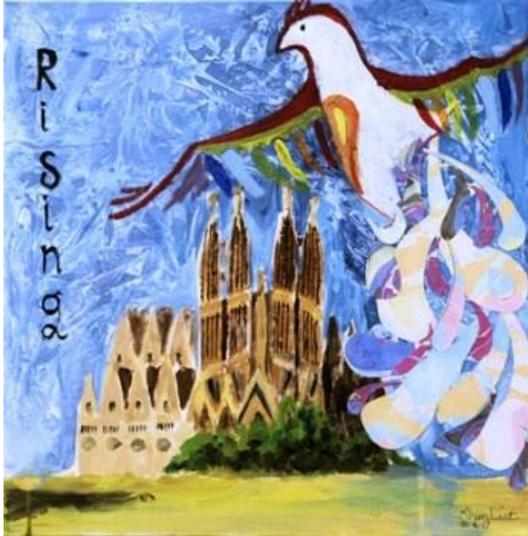


Title: Diligent & Hardworking (勤奋)

Artist: Yong Siong Chye

Born in the year of the ox, the artist relates closely with this diligent, hardworking animal for its resilience and perseverance working under the sun for hours on the fields.

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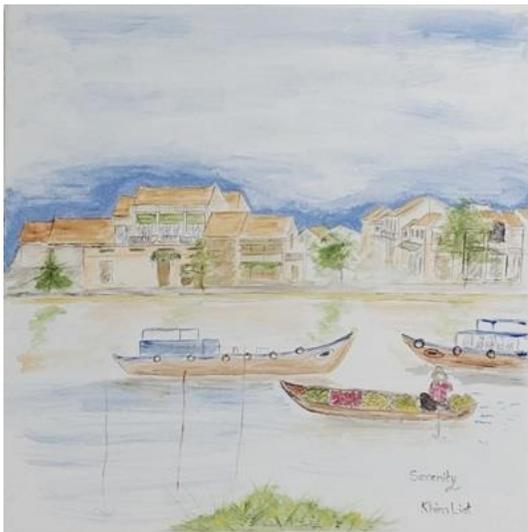


Title: Rising of the Phoenix

Artist: Tan Khim Liat Peter

La Sagrada has been under construction for a long time and is still being built. Its rich history resembles the mythological phoenix. Followers of architect Gaudi are continuing his legacy by painstakingly following his grand plans, and it inspires the artist like the rising of the phoenix.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Serenity

Artist: Tan Khim Liat Peter

One of my passions is travelling. However, since I started dialysis at KDF, I seldom travel due to the expensive treatment costs abroad. Which is why I now travel with my brush. Painting makes me feel relaxed and happy, very much like the sense of serenity which accompanies me on my dialysis journey. This painting features an old town in Vietnam, where life is slow and simple. Someday, I hope to be able to visit.

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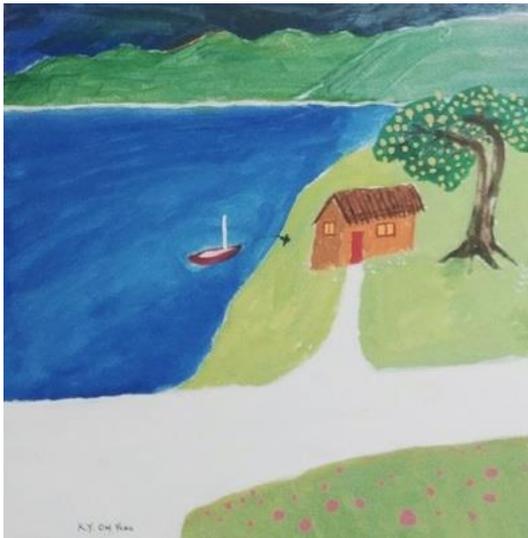


Title: Searching (找寻)

Artist: Ow Yong Kong Yen

In this painting, two whales are swimming about freely in search of food. The artist in his prime was an explorer who had a love for adventure and scuba diving. The painting is a reflection of his past and present.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: My Dream House

Artist: Ow Yong Kong Yen

I am very grateful for being alive, especially after 17 years of dialysis treatment. My artwork depicts the dream house that I would like to live in while enjoying every moment of life. I want to reside in a place close to the mountain with an ocean view, shaded by a beautiful tree. With such tranquillity and fresh air, I would go jogging, swimming, sailing and fishing every day. These calming thoughts take me momentarily away from the regularity of dialysis.

Canvas size: 24 inch x 24 inch



Title: The Wild Look

Artist: Siti Syam

The painting speaks through the eyes of the artist reminiscing her childhood memories of being “Tarzan” - climbing trees, playing with animals and immersing herself in the beauty of nature. Through this artwork, she hopes to inspire the continuous exploration of creativity in future generations while being bold and courageous.

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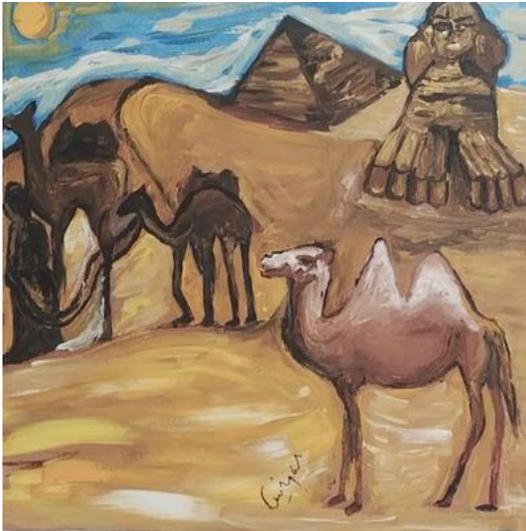


Title: Cheerful (Ceria)

Artist: Kamisah Abbas

The artist was drawn to the parrot as it is beautiful, attractive and “ceria” (cheerful). It reflects her friendliness and sense of life. She is particularly drawn to the rich blue and bright colours which depict a sense of upliftment.

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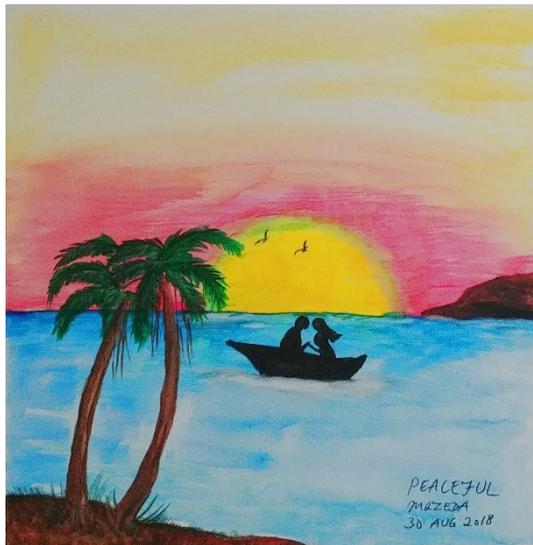


Title: Peaceful Destination

Artist: Latipah Binte Mansor

My painting signifies freedom; like the vast areas of sand in the desert, and camels as a mode of transportation instead of the modern traffic system. A sense of happiness engulfed me as I immersed myself in this painting, taking me momentarily away from reality, and from the need to have dialysis. It has been 10 years since I have visited the Sphinx and the pyramids. Yet I still vividly remember how I felt then – carefree and so full of life.

Canvas size: 24 inch x 24 inch



Title: Peaceful

Artist: Mazedha

A sense of tranquillity and equanimity is the state in which I usually find myself in during my thrice-weekly dialysis sessions at KDF. This artwork reflects the relaxing and romantic moments of my sweetheart and I. My husband has been my rock and unwavering support for the past 30 years, and I enjoy going to the seaside with him during the weekends as it brings a deep sense of inner peace. Each colour has a symbolic meaning, and with the light hues, I attempted to convey a sense of serenity in my painting.

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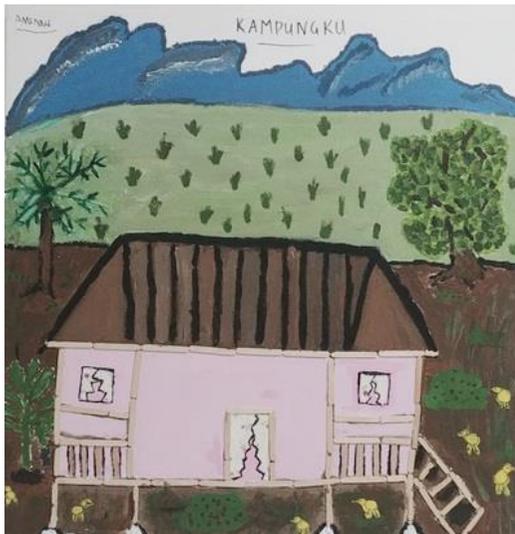


Title: Beautiful (Indah)

Artist: Aminah Binti Hashim

The peacock comes from heaven. That's why it is beautiful. It makes a melodious sound and its feathers are as colourful as a rainbow. A tamed creature that would not hurt anyone, it sports a crown which makes it look like a princess. While one may not be as beautiful as the peacock, it is an inspiration in life and pleasing to look at.

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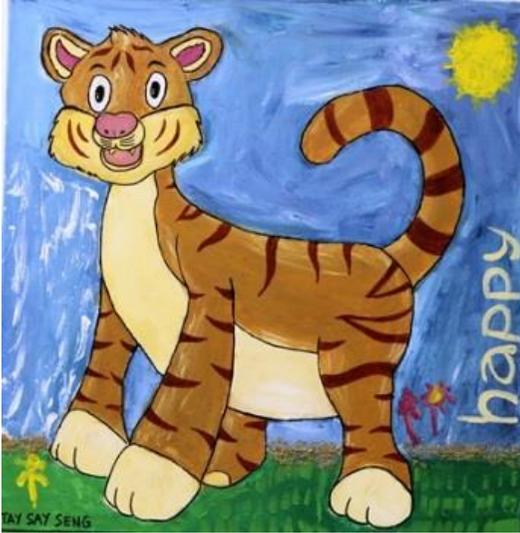


Title: Kampung Ku

Artist: Aminah Binti Hashim

When I was younger, I lived in a kampung where I would wake up to the chickens clucking, and where 'fun' was playing with my friends and running through the padi fields. My house was pink in colour and palm trees lined our backyard. After dialysing at KDF for so many years, I feel that KDF is now my kampong, as my friends are here and we are just like one big family. In my painting, I purposely chose brown for the roof of my house, as it reminded me of chocolates, my favourite snack.

Canvas size: 24 inch x 24 inch



Title: The Happy Tiger

Artist: Tay Say Seng

This painting depicts a tiger quenching thirst with water sprouting from the ground. It is an expression of the thirst a dialysis patient experiences on a daily basis. The tiger in this artwork is happy and remains positive in the face of challenges, because he feels the constant loving support of the community as represented by the adorable flowers.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Playful

Artist: Tay Say Seng

A happy elephant with a leg up to show that it is playful and having fun, while spraying water all around. The idea behind the artwork was contributed by the artist himself and painted while singing and enjoying the creative process. The artist has never painted before and this was his first attempt.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Harmony (和谐)

Artist: Lim Tsuey Yin

The artwork showcases the social, cultural and racial harmony in a miniature of Singapore captured in the favourite animal of the artist.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Hope (希望)

Artist: Low Lay Hwa

From the initial disbelief of knowing that I have to undergo dialysis to gradually accepting it, it has now been 6 years. I am immensely thankful for the support of my family – especially my husband – without whom I wouldn't have been able to stay strong and optimistic in the face of my illness. Although I am unable to travel or indulge in food like others, do not look upon me as a patient, for I am still able to live the life I envisioned, one that is filled with hope.

Canvas size: 24 inch x 24 inch



Title: Love. Peace. Hope

Artist: Christine Chia

This being the first time I picked up a brush, I made a lot of mistakes along the way. But I was able to change, correct and perfect it. This is not unlike life. No matter what mistakes we make in our lives, as long as we are willing to change and repent, hope is always awaiting us. May we all have love, peace, and hope in us. Even in sickness.

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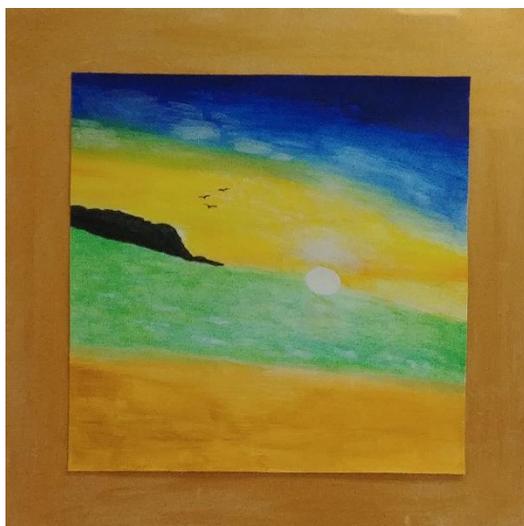


Title: Strong Alone

Artist: Chandrashekar

I am sad that my wife has to face such hardships due to her illness, but I do my best to keep her happy. Her happiness is the most important thing to me. Although she is very strong on her own, I know she still needs my support. That's why, like the lone peacock in my painting, I must become stronger for my wife, so that I can take care of her, and together we can support and depend on each other.

Canvas size: 24 inch x 24 inch



Title: Sunrise

Artist: Seow Lian Chang

Where blue skies aren't just blue and white clouds aren't just empty. Where the sky and the sea do meet, a rainbow quietly lies upon its feet. There are no ifs in life; there is only the present. While life may bring joy and happiness, pain and sadness, it is only when we embrace the imperfection that is life, that we can truly live. We cannot escape from illness, but we can choose to be optimistic and persevere with treatment. By seeking the little joys in life – photography, drawing, writing, fishing, gardening – and by enriching our experiences, that's a life well-lived.

Canvas size: 24 inch x 24 inch



Title: Our Future, Our Home

Artist: Rukamany

I am not ashamed of my illness. It has been difficult, but I try to stay as positive as I can. By coming to KDF, I have become a part of a community where we support each other. Together, we try not to be pulled down by our illness. I was born on national day and Singapore is my pride. I love travelling around our city, and through the events organised by KDF, my husband and I get to enjoy the sights of this country I so love and create many good memories together.

Canvas size: 24 inch x 24 inch



Title: Fleeting Time (光阴似箭)

Artist: Lung Kim Moi

Without any background in art, starting this painting was a trying process for me. It mirrored the arduous experiences I had when I first started dialysis. However, the more I drew, the better I became, a parallel to overcoming many years of difficulties with the support of family and friends, in addition to my own determination. Time is like the ocean in the picture; it washes away the pains of the past.

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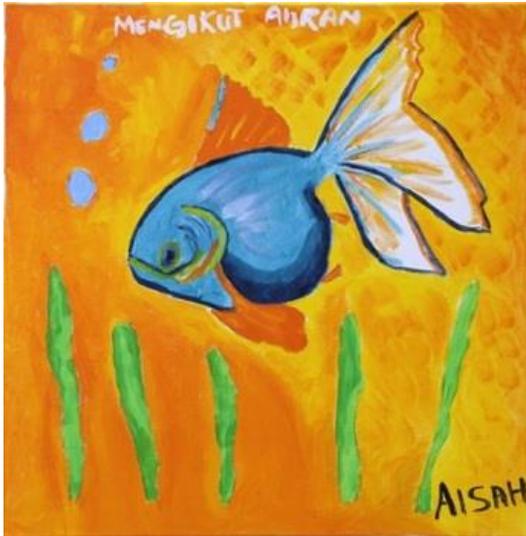


Title: Siloso Beach Singapore

Artist: Raymond Teo

The inspiration behind my painting is my feelings of gratitude and joy in being alive. Siloso Beach brings happy memories and good times with my family and friends, so I associate it closely with feelings of happiness. If it weren't for dialysis, I would not be here.

Canvas size: 24 inch x 24 inch

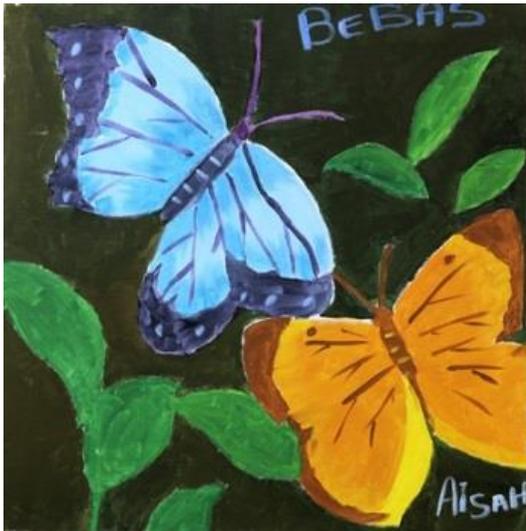


Title: Go with the Flow (Mengikuti Aliran)

Artist: Nor Aisah Bte Md Noor

When we face obstacles in life, we just have to keep swimming like a fish. Fishes are beautiful and calming to look at. From them, we can learn to go with the flow.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Freedom (Bebas)

Artist: Nor Aisah Bte Md Noor

Butterflies are the artist's favourite insect. They represent freedom and happiness in flight and the vibrant colours gives one an uplifting feeling. In changing from a caterpillar state, the butterfly grows and embraces its freedom in flight.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Happiness

Artist: Nor Aisah Bte Md Noor

I painted a hibiscus as a response to my feelings of gratitude as I reflect on my dialysis journey. This red hibiscus not only represents my lifeline, but also the joy and happiness of coming to the KDF dialysis centre for the last 18 years. Here, I can meet my friends – patients and staff alike – and we talk and share stories, giving me confidence to come out of my shy, introverted shell. By carefully selecting just the right hues, I filled the entire canvas using beautifully precise strokes, celebrating every moment of happiness in life.

Canvas size: 24 inch x 24 inch



Title: Always in Defend Mode (备)

Artist: Allan Kwek

The lion fish is always ready and in defence mode. The artist wanted to create a lion fish that looks ready for attack but does not look too fierce. Toothpicks and paper were used to create the defined look of the fins. The grass in the portrait gives the painting a softer touch.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Swimming or Drifting (舞)

Artist: Allan Kwek

Is the sea dragon swimming or merely drifting? The ambiguity and endless possibilities are what the artist wants you to consider.

Canvas size: 20 inch x 20 inch



Title: Fighting Spirit (战)

Artist: Allan Kwek

My artwork depicts the emptiness felt during dialysis treatment. The dragon represents myself, and I chose grey for the dragon's body to symbolise me feeling trapped and sad during dialysis. The bright colours used for its head and tail represent my intellect and how others perceive me; I look just like any other happy, healthy person. The two red ribbons wrapping around the dragon's body represent the bloodlines in the dialysis process. It is an important lifeline that is key to my survival – it bounds me, and yet, frees me.

Canvas size: 24 inch x 24 inch



Title: Sophisticated Lady with Nine Fishes

Artist: Ho Tew Keng

The artist prefers to withhold her comments.

Canvas size: 24 inch x 24 inch



Title: Hand in Hand, Heart to Heart

Artist: Wong Kum Oi and Liao Yeong Tay

Since 1984, we have always held hands whenever we go out. By painting our hands clasped together, we hope to inspire all dialysis patients and put out the message that all difficulties can be overcome by putting our hearts and souls together. Family support is especially important for every patient. The clasped hands in the painting symbolise strength, unity and support, and also pays tribute to KDF, who came to our assistance during a difficult time in our lives.

Canvas size: (24 inch x 24 inch) x 2 pieces