

Greenacres Woodward Contributes to the Healing Memorial

The Healing Memorial was introduced as a way to help metro Detroiters heal from the losses we have suffered during the pandemic. The Memorial was inspired by the Beaded Prayer Project created by world-famous artist Sonya Clark, and is being developed under the joint efforts of the City of Detroit's Office of Arts, Culture and Entrepreneurship (Detroit ACE) the Cranbrook Art Museum, and the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy.

Metro Detroit residents were asked to create small memorial pouches which will be combined to form a large mural at the TCF Center. Each pouch contains a written memory, prayer, promise, or intention--whatever the creator felt would be a source of healing--sealed inside a 5 by 5 inch square of fabric, with at least one bead attached.

Greenacres submitted 150 pouches, created by residents aged 5 to 80. Some of their handiwork is pictured here. Participants commented on the sense of comfort, healing, and peace that they experienced as they created their packets.

The mural will be unveiled at the TCF Center on August 31, which has been designated as "Detroit Memorial Day." The tribute will be on display for at least a year.

