Andrew Hem

On the Same Team
Community Coloring Zine
The artist Andrew Hem reflected the spirit of the Los Angeles General Medical Center Child Care Center with this fanciful vision of children playing together. As one of the few games in which there is no rivalry or competitiveness, group jump rope symbolizes trust and teamwork - everyone must rely on each other to keep up with the rhythm.

Inspired by the artist’s atmospheric paintings, his mural, *On the Same Team* envisions the bandstand and hotel turret from nearby Mariachi Plaza transported to a surreal waterscape reflecting mounds of cotton-candy clouds. Hem says, "I want the viewers to feel like Boyle Heights is based in a fairy tale, to evoke the same feelings of wonder that I felt when I was a kid, seeing the murals in my neighborhood."
This civic artwork,  
On the Same Team,  
was commissioned by the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture, whose mission is to advance arts, culture, and creativity throughout Los Angeles County.

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