The County of Los Angeles is creating four of the country’s first residential mental health and well-being centers, which will provide a new kind of holistic environment to serve the interrelated needs of homelessness, substance abuse, mental illness, job training/housing, and medical co-morbidity. The new Restorative Care Village at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center will offer a safe place to stay, recuperate, and receive ongoing clinical support, with the ultimate goal of helping residents successfully reintegrate into their communities. This campus includes a Mental Health Urgent Care Center, a Wellness Center, a Residential Treatment Program, and a Recuperative Care Center.

ARTIST STATEMENT

The drawings for this book were created by artist Olalekan Jeyifous and are inspired by his aluminum mural installation “Canyon Dreamscape,” a commission by the Los Angeles County Department of Arts and Culture for the Olive View Restorative Care Village in Sylmar, California. The artwork references the rolling landforms of the Wilson Canyon terrain, which provides the backdrop for the facility, as well as the nearby flora and fauna that populate the local environs.

Jeyifous’ interest in the immediate landscape and vegetation as a source of inspiration lies in the proven connections between nature and natural imagery, holistic health and well-being, and the efficacy of restorative spaces and pastoral landscapes to facilitate and encourage tranquility, inspiration, and mental wellness. An artwork that is at once familiar yet rendered in playfully abstracted organic forms offers the opportunity for discovery and delight.

While preserving the essence of this concept, “Canyon Dreamscape” utilizes a color palette that is playful and vibrant without being harsh and distracting and is tranquil and meditative without being subdued or monotonous. The result is an artwork at once welcoming, reassuring, and uplifting.
ALEPPO PINE
LAVENDER TREE
WILD RYE
AFRICAN SUMAC
WESTERN REDBUD
LADY FINGERS
VALLEY OAK
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