

## Hamilton Students and Community Members Transform Jamesville Redevelopment Site into Outdoor Gallery



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HAMILTON, ON – Over 1,000 Hamilton residents transformed a construction fence in the North End into a canvas for community pride. On Tuesday, April 21 from 1:30 - 2:30 PM, the Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) and CityHousing Hamilton (CHH) invite the community to celebrate the unveiling of the completed Jamesville Community Art Project.

The Jamesville Community Art Project, which launched in October 2025, brought together participants aged 2 to 82 to share their creative voices. Students, educators, artists, and residents collaborated to explore neighbourhood identity through art. The initiative builds on years of partnership across Hamilton, using creative practice to foster connection, engagement, and a sense of belonging.

“The Jamesville Community Art Project is a powerful example of how creativity can bring people together and amplify community voices,” says Shelley Falconer, President & CEO of the AGH. “We are proud to celebrate the contributions of over 1,000 participants whose work transforms this space into something vibrant, welcoming, and deeply connected to the North End.

Led by Sara Dickinson, Lead of Community Engagement & Learning at the AGH, participants from St. Lawrence Catholic Elementary School, Bennetto Public School, worked alongside local artists Nancy Benoy, Nathan Eugene Carson, and Vanessa Crosbie Ramsay to create mixed-media works that bring colour, creativity, and meaning to the site.

“Jamesville is, at its heart, a community,” says Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann, President and Chair of the CHH Board. “This project reflects that spirit by bringing together voices across generations and celebrating the creativity that defines this neighbourhood.”

Community members are invited to attend this community celebration featuring vibrant student and community-created artwork installed along the fencing surrounding the Jamesville redevelopment site. The opening celebration offers an opportunity for students, families, project partners, and community members to celebrate the creativity and collaboration behind the initiative.

“This project highlights the importance of community connection and creative expression,” says Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch. “It’s inspiring to see students and residents of all ages contribute to the neighbourhood in such a visible and lasting way.”

The Jamesville Community Art Project is a collaboration between the AGH, CHH, the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board, the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board, local development partners, and the North End community.

**Public Opening Celebration:**

**Location:** Corner of Strachan St. West and James St. North, Hamilton  
Tuesday, April 21, 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

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**ABOUT THE ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON (AGH)**

Founded in 1914, the AGH is the oldest and largest public art gallery in southwestern Ontario. Its permanent collection, which is focused on historical Canadian, International, and Contemporary art, numbers just under 12,000 works and is recognized as one of Canada’s finest. The AGH is a vital creative hub and centre of lifelong learning that enables people of all ages to enrich their lives by gaining a deeper understanding of art.

**ABOUT CITYHOUSING HAMILTON (CHH)**

CHH provides affordable housing that is safe, well maintained, cost effective and that supports the diverse needs of our many communities. More than 13,000 tenants call CHH home, including single adults, families and seniors. Most housing is available on a rent-geared-to-income (RGI) basis, as well as some housing units provided at market rent. CHH works to enhance the quality of life for tenants by providing safe and affordable housing, while ensuring there are additional programs and supports through various partnerships with community agencies.

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