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**YMCA & STUDIOS ON THE PARK COLLABORATE ON “NO PLACE FOR HATE”**  
**MURAL**

**What:** The San Luis Obispo County YMCA and Studios on the Park are collaborating on an exciting artistic project inspired by the “No Place for Hate” campaign recently introduced in YMCA after-school programs throughout the county. “No Place for Hate” is an initiative founded by the Anti-Defamation League, the purpose of which is to implement programs that actively encourage inclusion in our schools and communities. Teens from the YMCA Teen Extreme after-school program, Club Sol, will team with a number of Paso Robles youth community art leaders experienced in mural composition, to create a mobile wall mural depicting respect for cultural diversity by reducing bullying, bigotry, and bias kids face every day.

The teens will be led by renowned artist Henry A. J. Ramos. Ramos was raised in Santa Monica, California and educated at U.C. Berkeley and Harvard University. During his high school years in the late 1970s, he directed a school-based mural project that was recognized by the City and County of Los Angeles for bringing together a multicultural group of students to celebrate cultural diversity. Ramos's own works have shown subsequently in exhibitions at Los Angeles's ARCO Plaza, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Bonn, Germany, Anarte Gallery in San Antonio, Texas, the Gallery of Graphic Arts in New York, and the ABC Kunstgalerie in Berlin, Germany. In recent years he has sold numerous originals to private collectors in New York, Los Angeles, Seattle, and Lausanne, Switzerland; and businesses and institutions where his works appear include the Ford Foundation, Carnegie Corporation of New York, and the IW Group. In addition to his artistic pursuits, Ramos is an accomplished author, civil rights historian, and advisor to leading U.S. philanthropies.

**When & Where:**

**Wednesday, April 28th, 2010 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm**

YMCA Club Sol at Centennial Park,  
600 Nickerson, Paso Robles

**Planned Wednesday Activities Include:**

- **Completion of “No Place for Hate” mural**

**Why:** STUDIOS ON THE PARK was founded in December of 2007 as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a creative, educational, and transformational experience to enhance understanding and appreciation of the visual arts. STUDIOS ON THE PARK realizes its commitment by making the creative process available to the public. STUDIOS engages and inspires the San Luis Obispo County community and its visitors with a unique open studio environment. STUDIOS features artists working in a variety of media, educational programs for children and adults, and quality exhibitions by regional, national and international artists.

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