## **Heart Story**

Exposed and vulnerable, the heart rests as the center of our collaborative creation. The hummingbird is drinking the nectar of love and life from the heart that is nurtured by death and decomposition, completing the death-rebirth cycle and reciprocating with its 4th dimensional potent, pointed medicine of joy. Bringing forth the energy of the fairy felt like the depiction of the inner child, the one who enjoys imagination and flying between realms. Her magic illuminates the truth within all our beings, that we all come from love and to love we will return. The fiddlehead fern gently unfurls at a pace of its own. Its ancient wisdom is held deep within its stem, leaves and spores that it spreads, contributing to the continuous cycle of birth, life and death. The eye reminds us that there is an eye looking within and looking out to the world. Bones, mushrooms, and a fern sing the cyclical song of birth and death as the snake continually sheds its skin.

When we first visited campus, they told us that we would someday put our own marks on these walls. We are grateful for the past, present, and future legacy of those who put their hearts and souls into these murals. This mural is a physical, metaphorical, and spiritual manifestation of the love and transformative connection we all share. In the creation of this collaborative piece, we carried the intention that the medicine and archetypal messages are delivered to willing receivers whilst simultaneously sparking curiosity and connection. Our wish is that others may find the story of their own heart in the heart story that we put into our mural.

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