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Visiting artist Fuzz Karlak helps teacher Danielle Torre build one of two benches that will be mounted in a garden outside of the children's center at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Morristown hospital staff hopes benches will brighten garden

Consulting firm helps build seats to be placed outside children's center

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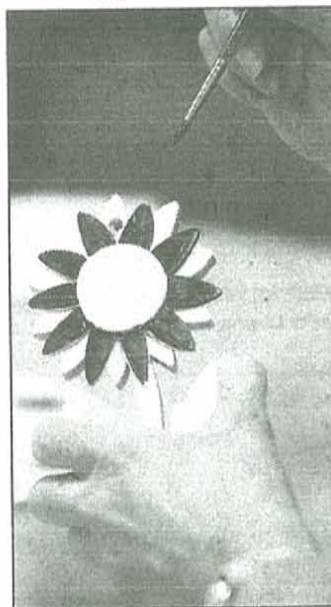
MORRISTOWN — The staff at the Children's Corner at Morristown Memorial Hospital, which is the day care center for children of hospital employees, built two benches Friday to enhance a garden at the Goryeb Children's Center at the hospital.

All 30 staff members helped build the benches under the guidance of artists Karen Titterton and Fuzz Karlak Jr. from Jumpstart, which is an arts consulting firm that links children, families and non-profit organizations with the arts through a variety of creative hands-on experiences, President Susie Schub said.

Giving back

"This was a big community-minded project by the staff of the Children's Corner to not only give something back to the community," Schub said, "but at the same time provide a bright moment for a child who might be nervously entering the hospital for the first time."

The garden benches came in 12 pre-fabricated pieces, which were put together by staff members before others painted small decorative touches such as frogs, trains and planes, which were then



Staffers painted such things as flowers, frogs, trains and planes to be affixed to the benches.

screwed onto the benches.

"One teacher said she decided to use red, yellow and blue paints so that a mother might sit down with her child and teach him or her about primary colors," Schub said. "Another looked at all the cool shapes — trains, propeller planes, lady bugs, dragonflies — and imagined a parent conducting a 'shapes' treasure hunt with her child."

The benches are to be placed in a garden outside the Goryeb Children's Center at the hospital.

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