

# Community Connection Project: Circles of Joy



## Now, more than ever, human interaction is critical for our emotional well-being

While in-person artist-led activities are not a reality right now, COMPAS teaching artists can still engage your residents through creative experiences that help them connect with each other in meaningful ways. Participants will learn new creative skills, share cherished memories with each other, and deepen connections and form new bonds within the creative environment.

## The Community Connections Project creates a learning, sharing, and connecting environment, even when artists can't come into your space

The project is accessible and inclusive so everyone can participate, regardless of their abilities. Each person needs a small workspace – a tray table in the hallway outside their room or a space at a table in a small group setting will do. COMPAS delivers everything else you need: individually packed supplies, instructions, answers to your questions, and lots of encouragement. If you have technology, we can even Zoom in for virtual in-person sessions.

### Circles of Joy – a community mosaic project

This 3-session activity encourages participants to share meaningful stories that bring them joy. Through creativity exercises, participants learn collage techniques and create individual art pieces. The finished pieces are compiled together into a community art installation. The wall installation can travel from floor to floor so residents can experience what the group has created. Once the 'travelling exhibition' is done the artwork can be displayed in the lobby.

With training and support from COMPAS, site staff lead each session of the community mosaic project. We also include extra prompts and activities for participants who wish to take the project further.

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*Detail of individual panel in paper*



*Community Connection project as wall installation in textiles*