

Crystal Tamez



SPECIFICATIONS

Title: Esperanza (Hope)

Date: 2022

Role: Lead artist

Narrative

This mural was painted for the Texas Organ Sharing Alliance, inside of the building. They wanted an image that shared the story of losing a loved one and someone receiving a heart. They wanted it to have fiesta flowers and feel so as to show the celebration of life and celebrate the gift of being able to help save a life.

I painted a woman in the middle receiving a heart from someone. I lost my cousin AJ, and he was a heart donor. So I put his hands on the mural to show him some love and give him thanks.

I named her Esperanza (hope) because she is a testament to someone's gift of life. They wanted a strong Latino touch, so I decided to place traditional patterns of the flowers beside her. The gold ring surrounding her symbolizes the eternal nature of the soul and life after death.