



## 500 Girls Mural Project Celebrates Women in Florida History

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The Centre for Girls in Tampa, Florida, is celebrating the women of Florida's past by creating a mural made by 500 girls, ages 5 to 12.

The 500 Girls Mural Project is a program of The Centre, a 35 year old non profit. Artist and Art Director for The Centre and the 500 Girls Mural Project, Paula Allen, was brought to the organization to create a new art initiative using art and literacy. The Centre picked the Viva Florida 500 theme for the mural project in order to get children excited about Florida history, literacy and visual arts. They selected 17 influential women from Florida history. Each woman on the mural has a special image or symbol created in hundreds of different ways.

"Learning how one woman can make such a huge difference has been a great learning experience for the girls and has really given them wonderful mentors to follow for the development of their own futures," said Allen.

The final exhibit will be featured on a 18 foot by 23 foot wall at the Tampa History Center in September of 2013.

For more information on The Centre for Girls and the Mural Project, visit <http://www.thecentre.org/>.

