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OPENING OF THE EXHIBIT “9 APPLES” BY MEXICAN ARTIST JULIETA CARRILLO



Mexican artist Julieta Carrillo's exhibit "9 Apples: Reflections about Acceptance and Inclusion" was inaugurated last Thursday at the Consulate General of Mexico in Atlanta.

The exhibit, consisting of nine paintings, two installations, a video and nine clay apples hanging from strings, portray the artist's experience as the mother of two children born with spastic diplegia and slow development of the frontal lobe of the brain. Children who have achieved an extraordinary advance in their physical, motor, mental and emotional development thanks to stimulation, therapies and the support of their family.

Carrillo wishes that his experiences serve to make us think about the people who present special abilities, their rights and their need to receive the attention that will allow them to overcome obstacles and fulfill their goals.

The pictures include phrases of people who have tried to include others: immigrants, pariahs, people with different abilities, etc., there are thoughts of Nelson Mandela, Charles Darwin, Mahatma Gandhi, Albert Einstein, Martin Luther King, Teresa of Calcutta, among others. The phrases are written in their original language on the portraits.

Besides being an artist, Julieta Carrillo is a psychologist specialized in individual and couple psychotherapy. She has taken courses in drawing, mural art and ceramics and has participated in more than 30 exhibitions in Mexico, the United States, Costa Rica and Spain.

During the inauguration, the Consul General of Mexico in Atlanta, Javier Díaz de León offered a few words about the relevance of transmitting the message of inclusion and acceptance, the urgent need to eliminate prejudices and not to label people who have different abilities as if will condition them as individuals. He reaffirmed the commitment of the Government of Mexico to work with principles of non-discrimination and inclusion at all levels and to promote actions that seek opportunities that will result in the benefit of people with different abilities and their families.

Before cutting the ribbon, the Director of Strategic Innovation of Coca Cola and founder of the organization Wheels of Happiness, Vincenzo Piscopo (who has been in a wheelchair for the last

8 years due to a herniated disc that pressed his spine causing him paralysis) gave a message about how companies are increasingly recognizing the unique competitive advantages that people with different abilities have: “they have an amazing ability to resolve conflicts, since they solve problems and face obstacles on a daily basis”.

Subsequently, the ribbon was cut and the 80 attendees, including elected officials, directors of non-governmental organizations, members of the diplomatic corps and representatives of the media were able to enjoy the exhibition, sign the guest book and ask questions to the artist.

The exhibit is open to the public Monday through Friday from 7 am to 6 pm on the ground floor of the Consulate General of Mexico in Atlanta located at 1700 Chantilly Dr Ne, Atlanta, GA 30324, until June 26th, 2018.