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Lines of Communication Mural Inauguration at Oakland Digital

Mixed-media artist Laila Espinoza unveils mural Nov. 12th at 1224 Harrison Street in downtown Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif. – November 4th, 2011 – Oakland Digital (ODALC) (www.odalc.org), a non-profit organization teaching Internet literacy to low-income communities, publicly unveils mixed-media artist Laila Espinoza's Lines of Communication mural at 1224 Harrison Street in downtown Oakland. The event will be held on Saturday, November 12th at 3:00 PM. The event is open to the public and prints of the mural will be available for purchase.

Lines of Communication commenced in August 2010 and was completed in September 2011. Creating the mural was both a beautiful and challenging process. "The mural began during my pregnancy," says Espinoza. "There was a time walking to Oakland Digital when I said to myself, I'm so exhausted - I can't do this. But each time I started working on the mural, it gave me inspiration to keep going."

"The sudden increase of human's reliance on technology... the direction where we seem to be headed, as far as how people are losing their human connection, the human touch," is what inspired Espinoza to create this piece. The mural represents the unique relationship between humans and technology; the inevitable impact and responsibility to use technology as a tool for improving life.

"I learned that technology is similar to life, not everything is perfect. Technology is evolving and as long as we are conscious of how we use technology, how it affects our community and the way we communicate, both can live and thrive in harmony."

Tax deductible donations collected at the Lines of Communication Mural Inauguration will raise funds to maintain the mural and support local artists.

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