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ANCHORAGE, Alaska -- Dozens of kids got to paint murals Saturday at Anchorage's Davis Park in Mountain View for National Get Outdoors Day. It's a collaborative effort by many organizations, including the Chugach National Forest and the Anchorage Park Foundation.

The event is intended to not only bring children outside, but also to grow Mountain View as an art community. It all came together Saturday with the help of a familiar artist.

All it took was one stroke to change a blank canvas at the Davis Park event into a foundation of endless possibilities. Families could paint toward the same vision, or an infant could make a mark.

"I'm going to be painting other things like fish, then other things like jellyfish and sharks," said 7-year-old Savannah Chavez.

But everyone was helped along by the marine muralist Wyland, known for his large whaling walls around the world including one in Downtown Anchorage, who was on hand to assist.

"I really want to use my art and what I know, and really share it with the kids," Wyland said.

The idea for the smaller murals Saturday is to engage kids through art and nature to explore the outdoors and mold their passions.

"I've been painting for pretty much my whole life -- I mean, my mom is a professional painter and I'm starting to be a professional," said 9-year-old Graecin Beebe.

National Get Outdoors Day was initiated in 2008 to get kids out into the parks and forests, and also into a healthier lifestyle.

"I think it shows them that there's other activities that they can do, and gets them in touch with nature, and it's a good thing," said Graecin Beebe's mother, Bobbi Beebe.

Participating in the event instills confidence in kids that they can make the world a brighter place.

"We're going to feel pretty good about ourselves probably," Graecin Beebe said.

When the murals are finished, they'll be displayed throughout the city but mainly in Mountain View.

Wyland's visit is also a part of Focus, a nationwide campaign conducted with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Some of the Anchorage murals may be exchanged with other Focus projects in Puerto Rico and Maryland.

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Marine muralist Wyland says he's always wanted to use his art and knowledge, and share both with kids. (Bill Costello/KTUU-DT)



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Graecin Beebe's mother, Bobbi Beebe, says National Get Outdoors Day gets kids in touch with nature -- and that's a good thing. (Bill Costello/KTUU-DT)

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