



## ENGAGE at the Bodzin Art Gallery June 20– August 16, 2019



Participate in defining yourself and the Bodzin Art Gallery this summer in our inaugural interactive art exhibition: **ENGAGE**. As J members and guests of every age and artistic inclination participate, the exhibition will evolve, reflecting and accentuating our connectivity to ourselves and the community.

Don't be shy — leave your mark in our new summer initiative to bring the gallery to life in this innovative "please touch" exhibit.

### **The Need:**

Donations of fabric to create strips for this interactive art project are now being accepted! Fabric can be trim, ribbon, long scraps, or cut up clothing pieces and should be 24"-36" long. **Look for the box in the J Lobby!**

### **Behind ENGAGE:**

The J is a community center frequented by people ages six weeks to 106+, with a gallery at the heart of our building that receives 100's of passersby daily, even more during summer months when Camp Achva is in session. Children are often reminded to watch out for the art as they walk through the gallery. With a desire to foster appreciation for the arts and a more experiential gallery experience, the J's Cultural Arts Director created ENGAGE to invite the whole community (and our campers) to "Please Touch!" and create art together.

This year, the medium is **Fabric**. The community will be prompted to participate by "answering" / **feel the most connected to community when...** by tying their fabric strip in the following sections in the gallery:

- 1) celebrating holidays.
- 2) learning something new about our community's past, present, or future.
- 3) when giving back.
- 4) I feel included.
- 5) I share experiences with others.
- 6) exercising my mind, body, and spirit.



As the community of all ages, abilities, and artistic inclinations respond, the exhibit will grow, and we'll co-create many garlands of fabric that drape along the gallery walls.

