



WE ARE PROUD MURAL



Meet the Artist: Sam Kirk

Sam Kirk is a multi-disciplinary artist who has created several murals throughout the Chicago area and across the world, including Costa Rica, Morocco, and Mexico City. The "We Are Proud" mural includes several accessibility features and designs such as Lenticular printing. Sam's other murals can be seen at 16th and Blue Island (Weaving Cultures, 2016), Howard Brown Health Clinic (The Love I Vibrate, 2018), and others. More information about Sam Kirk is available at iamsamkirk.com.



Mural on the Central West Community Center with a vibrant and colorful background depicting an individual with an upper extremity amputation on the left teaching a child about disability pride. In the center, is a coder and to the right is a physician who uses a wheelchair performing an exam on a child.

The mural has a vibrant blue background with individuals of diverse disabilities including a woman on right left with braids wearing tinted glasses, smelling a rose with a butterfly on her finger, a couple holding hands. Next to them is a man with gray hair playing the guitar, and to the right of him are four young people playing soccer. This mural is located on the building of the Central West Community Center





Mural on the Central West Community Center with a beautiful blue background that reads, "The stories we tell, the many ways we communicate with words, without, to build: Community, Activism, Advocacy." Below the quote is an older man who uses a wheelchair greeting two children. The older man is hugging one child and the other child who uses crutches is on a skateboard approaching the older man.

This mural depicts individuals with a variety of disabilities dancing on the left hand side including a lower extremity amputee and a person who uses a wheelchair. Lenticular printing is shows on the right side to show movement of the people using ASL. The scene shows a set where people are communicating using ASL. The person in the green shirt signs, "Welcome," the person holding the clapper board is signing "ready," and the person in the yellow blouse is signing "yes."





Mural on the Central West Community Center with a bright yellow background that reads, "We will land on the waves of courage, and accept the complexities of you needing cure. And I will explain why I don't need, or seek it anymore. Because we are community we'll hold hands, splash through our vastly different experiences and understand that our stories are still similar. And such realities will forever remain true."

Mural on the Central West Community Center that reads, "I hear Disability Pride in the moments we gather." It features a diverse group of people with visible and invisible disabilities standing proudly together and wearing vibrant clothing.





Mural on the Central West Community Center that reads, "I see Disability Pride in the way we move to create access for different bodyminds: Not just to be included but to show we're already here." The mural is very bright and colorful with the quote being colored in pink and yellow font.



Central West Community Center Sign in low cut bushes facing Polk Street. The sign is housed in a white frame with a blue banner that reads "Central West Community Center, Mayor's Office For People With Disabilities, Department of Family and Support Services Senior Regional Center" with the city of Chicago logo in the lower middle.