



SIRENS OF SILENCE:

CARE NEEDS NO WORDS

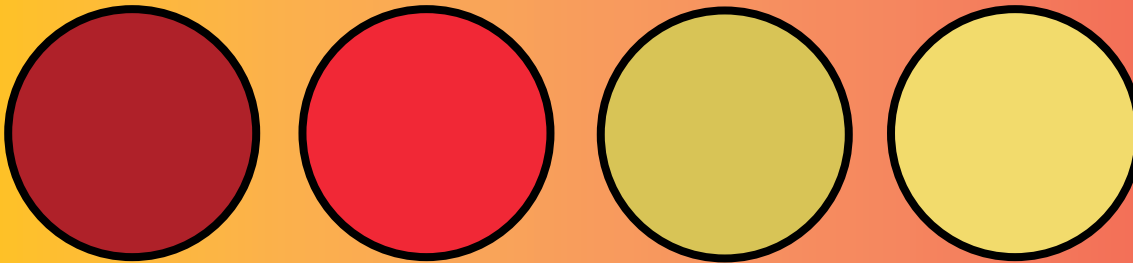
WHAT THE TOWER STANDS FOR

The *Sirens of Silence* lifeguard tower on Torrance Beach (Paseo de la Playa) is a permanent, year-round art installation dedicated to promoting autism and special needs awareness and inclusion.

Inspired by the **County of Los Angeles Fire Department's** *Sirens of Silence* autism and special needs awareness, education, and acceptance program, the tower's design encourages spreading care and kindness through a flurry of vibrant hearts, exemplifying an exuberance of joy and unconditional love.

Created by artist/Ocean Lifeguard Scott Snyder and hand-painted by community members, the tower stands proudly, adorned in a variety of colors and meaningful symbols:

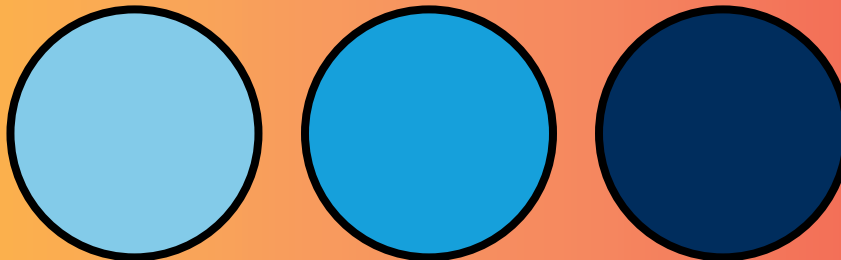
Red and gold hearts symbolize the Fire Department's main colors.



An infinity sign placed upon some hearts serves as a symbol of neurodiversity.



Blue hearts represent the shade of blue within the County of Los Angeles' logo, the color of the ocean protected by our Department's lifeguards, and the distinct hue worn by our Department's first responders.



Scan this to learn more about the *Sirens of Silence* program!



Together, all these colors, along with the *Sirens of Silence* program's motto, *Care Needs No Words*, represent our unified effort with the County in this campaign to spread care and kindness while embracing all abilities.

Our first *Sirens of Silence* lifeguard tower on Mother's Beach (May 2021)

