

Children, Resilience and Natural Disasters **Visual Markings of Recovery and Hope**

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On August 29-30, 2005, Hurricane Katrina struck the U.S. Gulf Coast



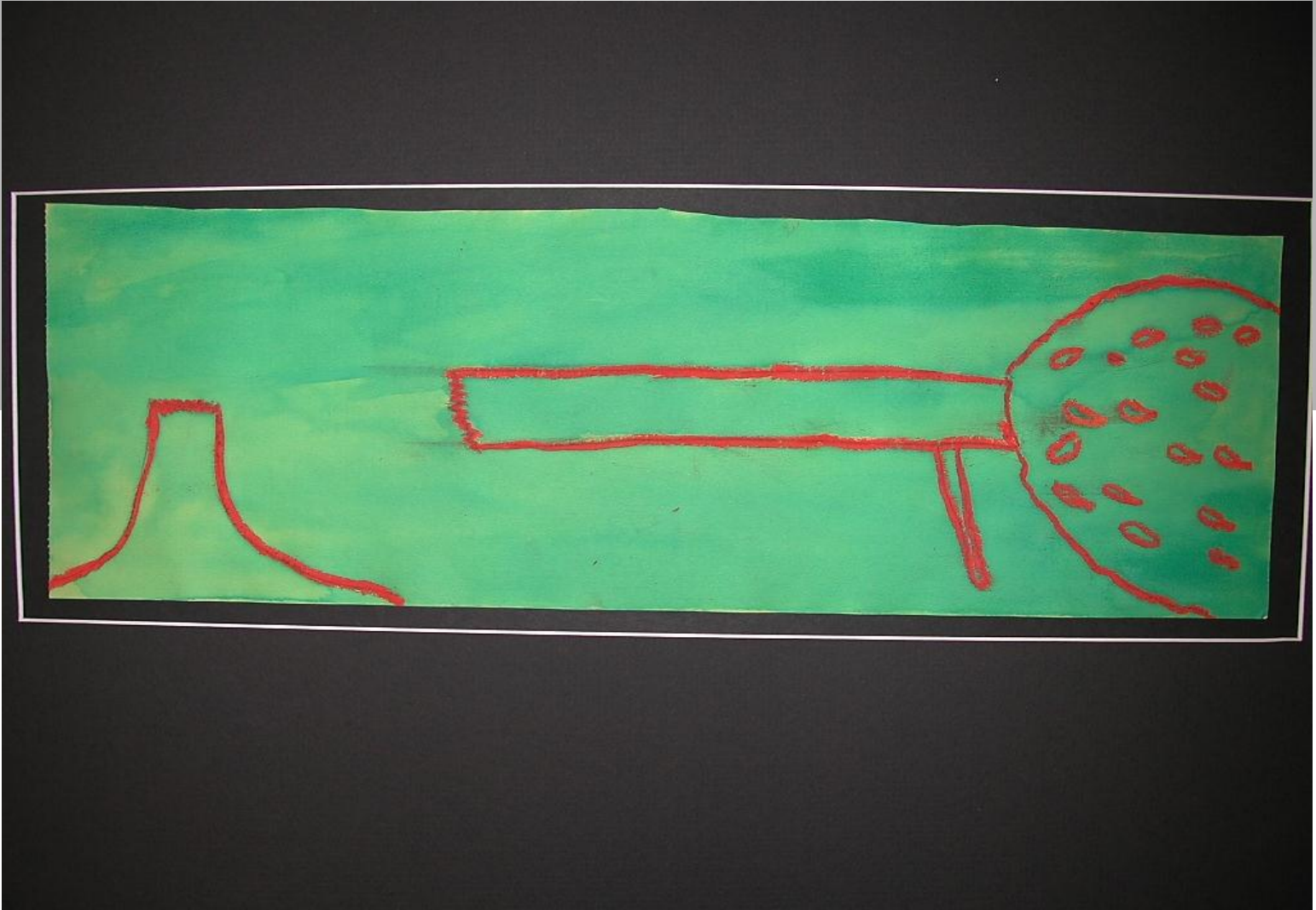
1,836 people were killed and more than \$80 billion in damage resulted



Homes were destroyed



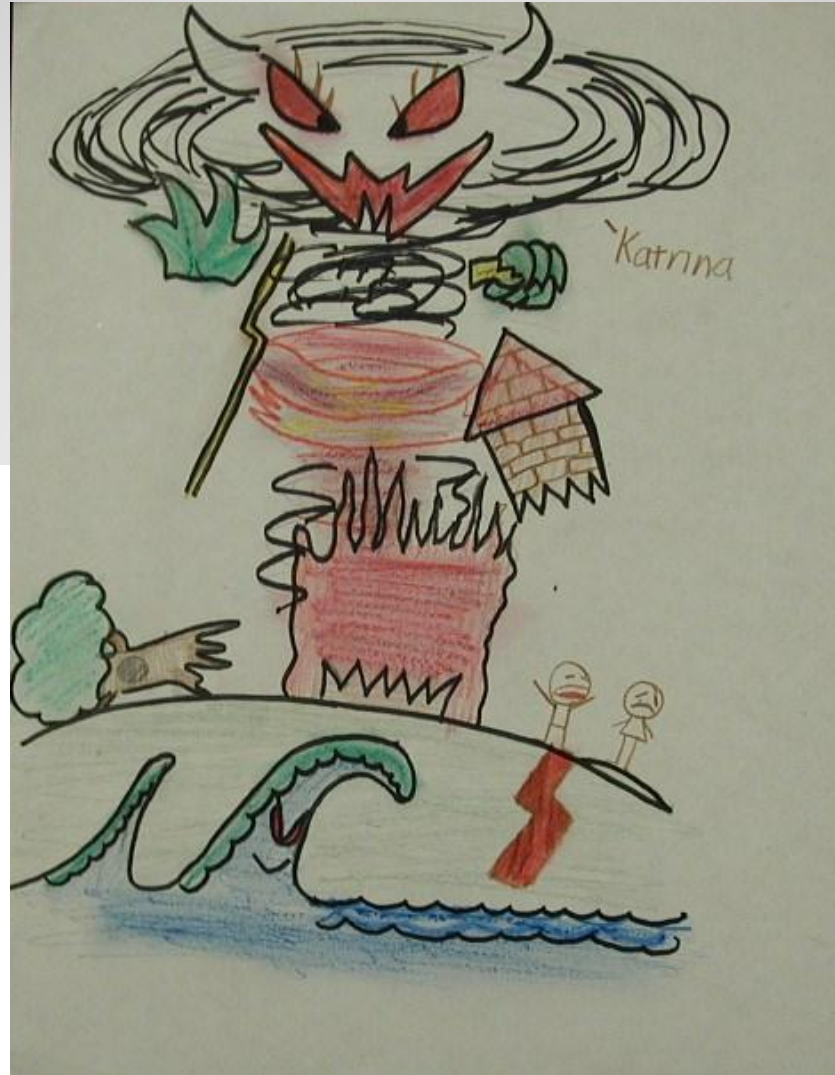
Playgrounds lay ruined



Katrina is evil, the children thought



How can nature be so cruel, they wondered



But soon they shifted to response-oriented thinking



And a strictly forward focus



They refused to feel deflated or victimized



They began specifying, visualizing, collaborating



They gave hope to each other



And others gave them hope



To turn a negative experience into a productive one



This is the story and art of these children of Katrina



Jordan Cole, age 12



Adam Cooper, age 10



Rhiannon Davidson, age 10



Michael Dixon, age 10



Allyson Ladner, age 11



Rachel Levy, age 10



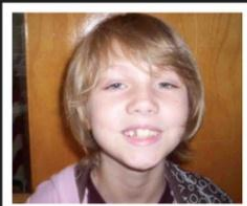
Cayson Miles, age 10



Destin Parker, age 11



Joseph Spires, age 12



Allison Starks, age 10



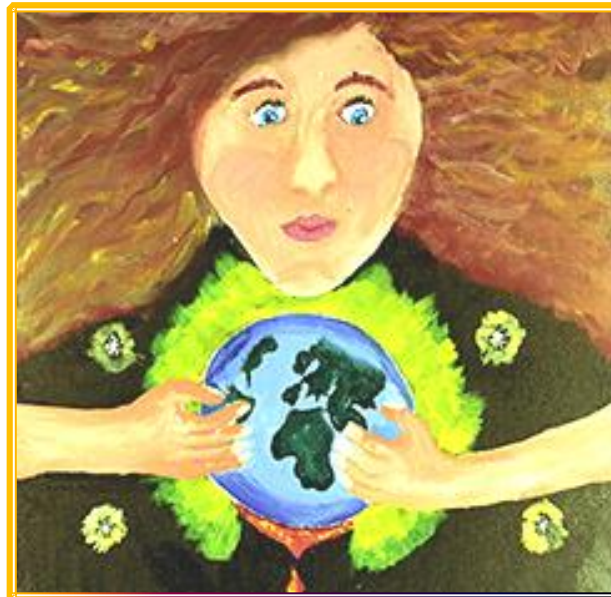
Brooke Trichesset, age 12

Based on:

**Katrina Healing Arts Program of the International Child Art Foundation
&
Joshua D. Margolis and Paul G. Stoltz, "How to Bounce Back from Adversity."
Harvard Business Review, January-February 2010**

The ICAF cultivates children's imagination and creative critical thinking with the Arts Olympiad; reduces violence in conflict zones and restores children's trust in humankind with Peace through Art Programs; and remediates suffering following major natural disasters to restore children's faith in nature with Healing Art Programs.

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