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Young at art

Louis' Pizza in Vanier now features a colourful portrayal of the Vanier community thanks to some young artsy residents. The mural was developed as part of Crime Prevention Ottawa's Paint it Up project, which aims to educate kids about graffiti prevention and the importance of community beautification. With the support of artist Bernard Lévesque, 19 youths were presented the opportunity to create this mural which represents their vision of Vanier: movement, multiculturalism, traditions and renewal. Above, some of the youths involved in the project pose in front of the mural, unveiled on Thursday, July 27. The Paint it Up participants include: Jean-Luc Kervens Toussaint, Michèle Njiké, Stéphanie Ayikoé, Midgie Pierre, Déborah Pierre, Devon Sandiland, Sylvie Riziki Mungabo, Lynca Stéphy Keza, Cléria Anais Muco, Sylvie Riziki Mungabo, Elvirah Aka, Anna Lissa Altidor, Editte Togba, Bevin McNab, David Lacourse, Celine Debassige, and Dany Tahan.