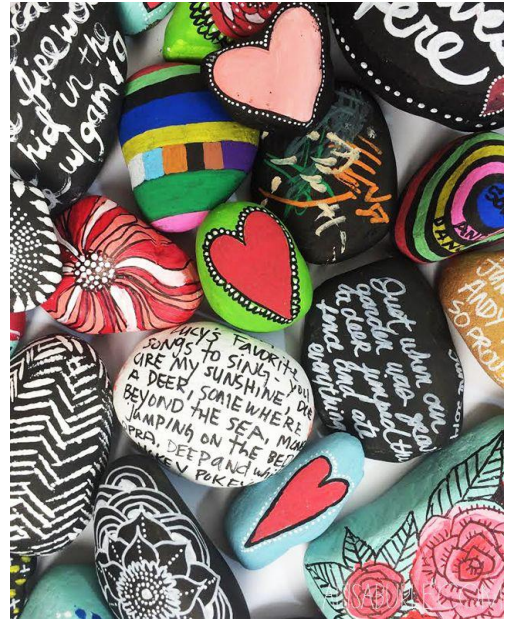


## Painted Rock Garden

As children enter our location they pass a Rock Garden full of hand painted rocks decorated by members of our community. These rocks will remind the children we serve that they are not alone, but that their community cares deeply about them in this hard time. Each child will be encouraged to pick a rock and take it with them when they go.



Steps for creating painted rocks for our garden:

1. Rocks can be purchased at most landscaping companies or craft stores. They are most times less expensive through landscaping companies.
2. Wash rocks and let them dry.
3. Decide on your design. We love bright colors and encouraging words!
4. Paint your design onto the rock using acrylic, outdoor paint like Plaid or acrylic patio paint.
5. Allow your rock to dry.
6. Spray it with sealer (clear urethane finish). Be sure to spray it outdoors or in a well ventilated area.
7. Let dry and display!

When your project is complete, please contact Reba Steiniger, Office Manager to arrange drop off. Email: [reba@hopesclosetohio.org](mailto:reba@hopesclosetohio.org)