**Caring Hearts, Healing Hands** by A.J. Wood and Jordan Wood

**The twisted tree**
Inspired by broken trees growing new leaves within days of the May 22, 2011, tornado, a twisted tree grows new leaves symbolic of the resiliency of survivors. An individual spring green leaf commemorates each soul lost in the storm.

**New birth**
Draped in blue, a mother cradles her child. This motif symbolizes the role Freeman Health System plays in ushering new life into the world.

**Freeman at work**
The center figures depict professionals and volunteers who represent the heart of Freeman Health System. An emphasis has been placed on the doctor-patient relationship, volunteerism, nursing, and Freeman’s role in the community as a teaching hospital.

**On top of the world**
A child sits on a globe made of 1,925 Freeman insignias, symbolic of the health system’s opening in 1925, creating a new “world” of healthcare. Freeman proudly serves as the local Children’s Miracle Network Hospital, which is represented by the logo on the child’s shirt.

**Passage**
Representing the passage of life from birth to death, the mural concludes with a daughter comforting her dying mother. The mother’s ring identifies her as the young woman cradling her daughter at the mural’s beginning. Draped in scarlet and clothed in the purity of white, as the mother passes, her spirit rises like a dove against a backdrop of flowering dogwood, Missouri’s state tree. Accompanying the dove is a bluebird, Missouri’s state bird.
Our Community Illustrated

Area mining
Carl Junction’s mammoth, railroad junction, 1st motorized fire engine west of the Mississippi
Webb City icons
Carthage water tower, maple tree, Jasper County Courthouse

McDonald County Courthouse
Big Spring Park, Neosho
The Newman Building, Joplin City Hall, Route 66
Rebuild Joplin

Freeman Hospital West
Wildcat Glades Conservation & Audubon Center
Grand Falls
Carver National Monument

Rainbow Bridge, Big Brutus, Route 66 in Kansas
Coleman Theatre, Miami, Oklahoma
Grand Lake, Sailboat Bridge, Grove, Oklahoma