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Vanier's history in pictures

A unique program helps artists create an outdoor record of the community's most important moments, **MARIA COOK** writes.

Sitting at a red light at Vanier Parkway and McArthur Road, you glance up and think, "That face looks familiar."

It is Gisèle Lalonde, leader of SOS Montfort, larger than life in a bright red jacket, smiling. She is surrounded in Crayola colours by a happy-looking crowd, some with fists raised in triumph.

The Montfort Hospital, Ontario's only francophone hospital which was saved from closing in 2001, stands in the background.

This moment of local history, identity and resistance is depicted in a mural unveiled this month, enlivening a grey concrete parking garage. It is the 37th mural painted in Vanier since 1998.



