

# Spring.2002 Newsletter

SOUTHWEST SCHOOL of ART & CRAFT

## GUEST ARTIST RESIDENCIES

The SSAC's newest public program began November 2001 with artist **Pacita Abad**, who has dual American/Filipino citizenship and lives in Singapore. Abad spent two weeks working with 30 women from the San Antonio community to create a collaborative work. In response to the September 11 attacks, the work culminated in *9/11: The Phoenix Project*. The new San Antonio Metro Health Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Clinic on Fredericksburg Road received the work in a dedication ceremony on December 8, 2001. It is estimated that more than 5,000 San Antonians view the wall hanging monthly.



Artist Pacita Abad, SSAC staff and project participants at the WIC Clinic Dedication.

STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT. Participants: Carmen Medrano, Olga Castano and Zita Sanders, Dr. Fernando Guerra, Director of Health, San Antonio Metro Health District, guest artist Pacita Abad, WIC Project Director Melanie Ritsema and participants Susy Olsen and Caroline Persey Trotman. SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT. Participants: Susie Monday and Robin Urton and SSAC Director Paula Owen.