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### **Bring on the Wolves!**

PHILADELPHIA, PA - - Penn Treaty Middle and High School in Fishtown is now beset by wolves! The wolves that now roam the walls of the school were painted by 40 volunteers from Marsh & McLennan Companies on May 5. Although long the school mascot, there were no symbols of the wolf anywhere in the school. Just dull, long-neglected, crumbly walls. Art Sphere Inc., a non-profit that provides free art classes to inner-city youth and organizes community events to inspire neighborhood pride, recruited the volunteers to come to the school and use their amazing creativity to paint over graffiti-filled walls with vivid landscapes inhabited by wolves.

The wolf symbol is especially meaningful to the school as it is a symbol of strength, intelligence and loyalty in many cultures and worldwide folklore. Now, when the students enter the school, instead of a dreary entrance, they see a symbol of school pride.

Marsh & McLennan staff person Adrienne Johnson said “Art Sphere has provided us with a fantastic opportunity to use our creative minds to make a positive difference through our artistic contributions. This will be an event long talked about and hopefully replicated in the near future for others within our organization.”

Art Sphere also worked with forty Fulbright Foreign Students on May 7 at the Towey Recreation Center in West Kensington to paint over graffiti and transform a classroom into a forest mural and clean up trash from the surrounding park and playground. The Fulbright Foreign Students, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, came from cities and institutions around the United States to gather in Philadelphia for an enrichment seminar. “It is our hope that the Fulbright Foreign Student volunteers will be inspired to start their own art cleanup events in their host cities around the U.S. and eventually also their home countries,” said Kristin Groenveld, Art Sphere’s Executive Director.

Founded in 1998, Art Sphere Inc., a Philadelphia-based non-profit, uses art as a tool to empower neighborhoods to take civic responsibility and restore neighborhoods so that communities can provide safe and nurturing environments for all of their residents. Learn more by contacting Kristin Groenveld at 215-350-1968, or [kristin@artsphere.org](mailto:kristin@artsphere.org). Additional information can be found at [www.artsphere.org](http://www.artsphere.org).

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A small section of the newly-painted entry hall at Penn Treaty School



Marsh & McLennan volunteers at work in Penn Treaty School