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JOIN US for Art Sphere's OPEN STUDIO on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2015 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at [SouthHouse](#), 2535 S 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19148 (relocated from 915 Spring Garden Street due to recent fire-related closure).

Art Sphere, Inc. is a Philadelphia-based non-profit organization that uses arts education to change lives! For the OPEN STUDIO, executive director [Kristin Groenveld](#), volunteer artists and students have created unique artwork for your viewing and purchasing pleasure! Find sketches for your gallery wall, clay acorn table sculptures, handmade cards, bead and wire jewelry, and other one-of-a-kind gifts. All donations and purchases will be used for Art Sphere's [ART BOX CAMPAIGN](#) bringing free art supplies to inner city youth!

Helmed by Groenveld since its inception in 1998, Art Sphere is largely a volunteer organization that encourages urban youth to express themselves creatively and to transform abandoned and distressed public spaces into kid-friendly areas. Art Sphere provides art materials and instruction in after-school programs and at local recreation centers. In addition, Art Sphere donates art boxes to emergency relief centers that house families displaced by fires. Art Sphere encourages children living in these relief centers to use art as a way to work through any feelings of disorientation following the loss of their homes.

That feeling of disorientation is one with which Art Sphere can identify. A recent fire at 915 Spring Garden Street, the building that has housed Art Sphere's permanent studio space for a decade, left Art Sphere without a home. Thankfully, community friends and supporters saved the day, offering SouthHouse as a new location for our OPEN STUDIO! Many thanks to **Maria Campbell**, chef instructor at the Art Institute of Philadelphia; **Thomas Suerta**, owner of SouthHouse; and **Thomas Day III**, executive chef at SouthHouse and Art Sphere volunteer alum!

Please come out to support Art Sphere and enjoy great art and tasty food and drink on Saturday, October 3 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at SouthHouse, located at 2535 S 13th Street, between Shunk and Moyamensing. SouthHouse is a short 5-minute walk from the Broad & Oregon subway stop on the Broad Street line!

Join the campaign online and donate to become a "Champion for Urban City Youth" by visiting <http://www.gofundme.com/art-food>. For more information on Art Sphere Inc. and how to contribute, please visit <http://artsphere.org> or call (215) 413-3955.