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The Porch Light Program

We have seen, through many collaborative projects and a focused study with Yale School of Medicine, that art succeeds in opening doors to healing in the aftermath of trauma. The Porch Light program, a joint collaboration with the City of Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services, focuses on achieving universal health and wellness among Philadelphians by offering opportunities to contribute to meaningful works of public art.

Thanks to year-round workshops, community meetings, health forums, and paint days, the Porch Light program has produced an ongoing list of brilliant murals and transformed public spaces. These artworks challenge social stigmas around mental and behavioral health, putting names and faces to important issues that so often go undiscussed in public forums. Every finished Porch Light project offers a fresh window of opportunity for continued progress and community growth. As the impact of beauty and belonging reverberates, the path to resilience grows stronger.

The path to wellness is a path we walk together. We believe that journey can be beautiful.



MURAL:

THE NORTH PHILADELPHIA BEACON PROJECT by James Burns features a vibrant collage that sheds light on the stories of community members in recovery.



HUB SPACE:

The **KENSINGTON STOREFRONT** opened in spring 2017 in collaboration with Impact Services, Prevention Point Philadelphia, and New Kensington CDC, bringing together a community in crisis.



MURAL:

THE ATLAS OF TOMORROW by Candy Chang puts emotional wellness in public—it re-imagines what a mural can do, providing a place to pause in our busy schedules and take stock of our well-being.



HUB SPACE:

In Southeast Philadelphia, **SOUTHEAST BY SOUTHEAST** serves recent immigrant and refugee families, offering everything from sewing and weaving to English as a Second Language.



MURAL:

COLORFUL LEGACY by Willis Humphrey and Keir Johnston helped to raise awareness of the issues men and boys of color face in gaining access to behavioral health services.



“When I make art, it gives me control over who I am.”

—Adam Alli, Porch Light Participant

Mural Arts Philadelphia is the nation's largest public art program, dedicated to the belief that art ignites change. For over 30 years, Mural Arts has united artists and communities through a collaborative and equitable process, creating nearly 4,000 artworks that have transformed public spaces and individual lives. Mural Arts aims to empower people, stimulate dialogue, and build bridges to understanding with projects that attract artists from Philadelphia and around the world, and programs that focus on youth education, restorative justice, mental health and wellness, and public art and its preservation. Popular mural tours offer a firsthand glimpse into the inspiring stories behind Mural Arts' iconic and unparalleled collection, which has earned Philadelphia worldwide recognition as the “City of Murals.”

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