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ART SPHERE INC. BRINGS CHILDREN ON A TRIP TO OUTER SPACE

Shooting stars, comets, moons and astronauts are the themes of a new mural entitled "Out of this World" which was unveiled August 13 at the Fishtown Recreation Center, 1202-32 E. Montgomery Avenue in Philadelphia. The mural was created by children and volunteers in Art Sphere Inc.'s summer workshops which ended the summer with a "Big Bang" at the unveiling party.

The "Out of the World" program was the final event in a series of ten-week workshops using art and imagination to help children learn about the cosmos and space travel. The program opened up a world of possibilities as the kids began to think about the universe, space travel and their own dreams. Throughout the summer, the children learned new vocabulary and definitions, such as "asteroid" and "comets" and interesting space facts, such as "Venus is the hottest planet in our solar system."

At the unveiling the children proudly showed their parents and friends their art work, talked about what they had learned and why painting the mural was important to them. To celebrate a wonderful summer filled with mural designing and painting, rocket sculptures and more, ASI also distributed art kits to each child to commemorate their summer experience and to enable them to continue their creativity throughout the school year.

This program was made possible by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the Penn Treaty Special Services District, dedicated Fishtown neighbors and Art Sphere volunteers and partners.

ASI uses art as a strategic tool to educate and create meaningful experiences for people of all ages and motivates community members to maintain their neighborhoods as special places. For more information see info@artsphere.org.