

# Mural Completed – This Calls for a Celebration!

It took one great design, 43 young people, gallons of paint and a lot of heart and soul to get our latest community mural on the wall at the southwest corner of Charleswood and Northmount Drives. The mural site was a hive of activity for the duration of the project, much to the delight of local business owners, passing motorists and neighbours strolling by on foot. They waved, they honked, they brought snacks and cold drinks and even made drive-by donations to the project.



*This was taken the first day kids were on site and we couldn't believe how many came out. It was pandemonium!*

There were challenges along the way. We had to ask Aaron Petruic, our design artist, to add a few more details to the mural after discovering we were better at art than math! It took our installers one long, hot day to get the boards mounted to the wall. Some days we had more painters than spots to paint and more paint on painters than on the mural. The sun was relentless, noses were burnt and the last coat of anti-graffiti varnish dried almost faster than we could roll it on.

But our youth volunteers came back day after day and people appeared just when we needed them: someone waiting for a bus helped us put up our shade tent one day, nearby businesses let us store equipment and use their "facilities", a neighbour offered her garage to store paint and ladders every night. For every passerby who helped in a pinch, every business that contributed in-kind, every sponsor who made a donation, and every neighbour who stopped to give encouragement, we offer a heartfelt thank you.

Who knew one mural could generate so much enthusiasm? Our young volunteers set out to reclaim a vandalized wall but ended by making their tiny corner of the world a better place. And a whole community took them to heart for their efforts. We think that calls for a celebration, don't you? Please join us for a...

## Ribbon-Cutting and Block Party

Charleswood\* and Northmount

\*Street will be closed beside the mural

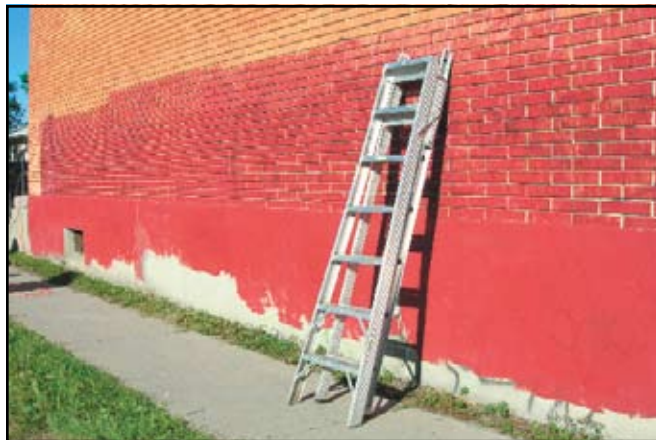
Sunday, September 18, 2005

1:30 to 4 p.m., Rain or Shine

(Ribbon Cutting at 2:30 p.m.)

Kids' activities ❁ Entertainment ❁ Refreshments  
Everyone Welcome!

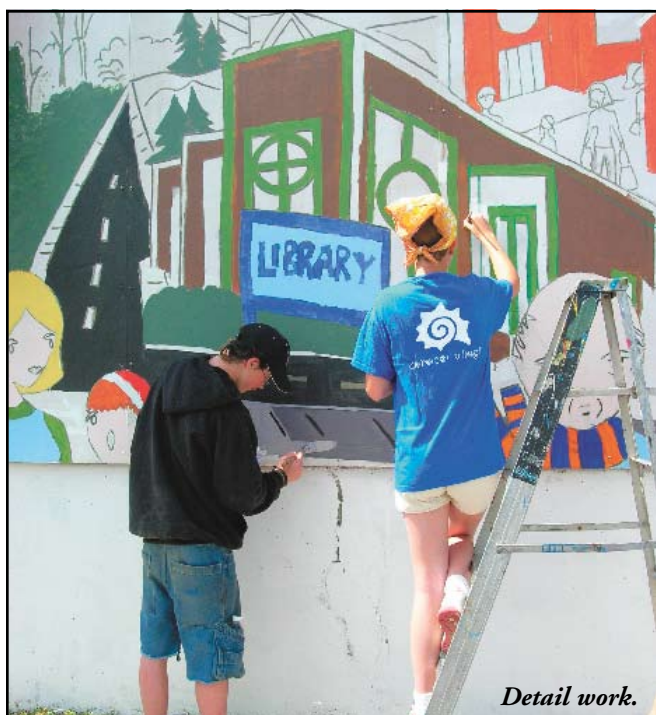
# Without You There Would Be No Mural!



*The wall at Charleswood and Northmount before the boards were mounted.*



*Aaron Petruic, designer of the mural, helping to transfer the design to plywood sheets.*



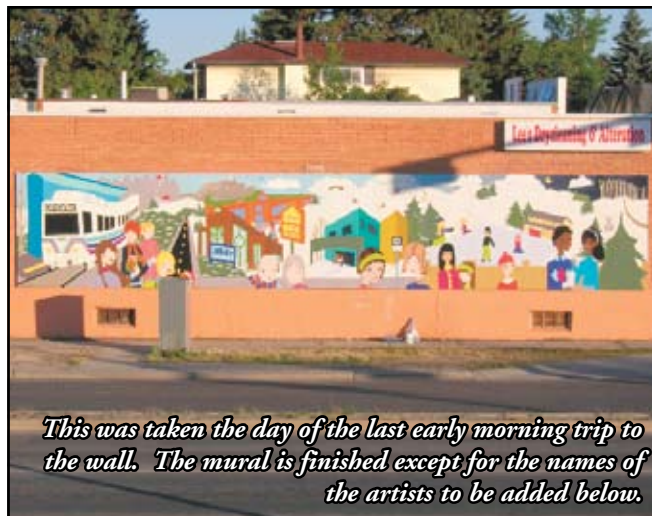
*Detail work.*

**This project was truly a group effort and we thank the following people for their support:**

- Design Artist: Aaron Petruic;
- On Site Supervisors: Sarah Kopjar and Roxanne Hrynuik;
- Painters: Andrew A., Tyleigh, Fenna, Pieter, Saskia, Sahar, Jim, Julia, Aleida, Robbie, Meghan, Lauren, Jamin, Joel, Danika, Janae, Taryn, Madison, Tamika, Stephanie, Ciara, Kate, Shelly, Amanda, Nathan, Andrew K., Graham, Mike, Katie M., Laura, Katie O., Aaron P., Carley, Dakota, Alyson, Kerry, Claire, Kira, Katherine, Golnoosh and Don.
- Partners: Brentwood Community Association, The Calgary Foundation, The City of Calgary, Federation of Calgary Communities, Grassroots N.W. Environmental Awareness Society, D. Mar and Urban Youth Worx;
- Sponsors: A & P Appliances, S. & T. Allen, J. Anderson, J. Bennett, Bennett Property Developments, Brentwood Co-op, Brentwood Esso, D. Brushett, Calgary North Decorating Centre, Cavalier Men's Hairstyling, Cheryl, N. & S. Dave, A. & J. Embry, First Calgary Savings, G. Geehan, Grassroots Northland Farmers' Market, E.C. Holtby, E. R. Hunt, L. J. Hunt, F. & D. James, Dr. A. Kovacik, Mary, J. Nielsen, G. Norbury, North Hill Publications, Northmount 7-11, Nose Hill Public Library, Rapunzel's Hair, K. Schaver, TD Canada Trust, M. Tkaczuk, Tim Hortons Northland, Totem Building Supplies, D. Wai and J. & L. Wearmouth.

Hooray and thanks again!

*Lee Hunt, Polly Lee Knowlton Cockett  
and Cheri Macaulay,  
Community Mural Committee*



*This was taken the day of the last early morning trip to the wall. The mural is finished except for the names of the artists to be added below.*