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Mural Unveiling Scheduled for Rude Recreation Center

Denver, June 22, 2009— On Saturday, June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Rude Recreation Center will unveil a newly painted mural titled “Art is Justice.” The mural was created by youth from the Third Way Center and Lookout Mountain Youth Services Center, along with artists Delton Demarest and Jeremy Ulibarri.

The restorative justice project began to provide an outlet for youth to express themselves artistically, engage them positively, and to control graffiti. The mural adds value to the recreation center while allowing the participating youth to contribute to their community instead of harming it.

Demarest and Ulibarri, both Denver natives, are known both locally and nationally for their graffiti art. The two artists instructed a group of 16 select youth and have worked together over the past few months to create the 15 feet by 70 feet mural that is located in the pool area of Rude Recreation Center. The two local artists have completed many projects around the Denver area, including murals at the Sun Valley Youth Center, Aztlan Recreation Center, Swansea Recreation Center, Globeville Recreation Center, Athmar Recreation Center and the Santa Fe Arts District.

The mural was made possible through the collaboration of Division of Youth Corrections, Denver Parks and Recreation, Colorado Department of Human Services, City Councilwoman Judy Montero, Denver Police Department-District 1, Third Way Center, and Lookout Mountain Youth Services Center.

Everyone with an interest is invited to the event. In addition to seeing the impressive new mural, Denver residents will have an opportunity to learn about a multitude of resources available to them, all geared towards supporting a healthy community.

The event will include free food for community members, performances from local dancers, and informational vendors such as Sun Valley Youth Center, Colorado Department of Human Services, Denver Preschool program and the Mexican Consulate.

For more information, please contact Rude Recreation Center at 720.865.0570 or the Denver Parks and Recreation Marketing Department at 720.913.0691.

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