

Rescue the World

Have you seen the new mural in Wheaton? Check out the side of the Banagricola Bank Building at the top of Lot 13 in the Wheaton Triangle. This mural was designed and painted by the children, families, and staff of the Evergreen School, a Montessori School that serves children from 2-1/2 to 12 years of age. Its theme is "Rescue a Single Life and You Rescue the World," agreed upon after the students visited and toured the Wheaton Rescue Squad.



Marcia Jacques, the Head of Evergreen School, points out that children learn about the world and what it means to be a productive citizen through such community service and outreach projects. In this case, the students had an opportunity to beautify a spot in the heart of their community while creating a message worth sharing with the community and the world. The work began with lessons about mural painting and a visit from world renowned muralist, Byron Peck. It involved coordination with the Wheaton Redevelopment Office, an arm of the Montgomery County Government. It also involved working with the owner of the building; soliciting donations of paints and supplies from area businesses; conceptualizing, drawing on paper, and then transferring the design to the wall; and, of course, many days (including weekends) of hard work. Bringing this project from idea to reality crossed many disciplines of study and involved many practical applications.

The School is planning an unveiling ceremony at the mural on Friday, September 12, in the afternoon. Watch for more information about this exciting event. The students of Evergreen School hope that the community will take their message to heart.

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