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Mural reflects center, community aspirations

Last February, the Community Media tion Program located at Hopkins' Safe and Smart Center—on Greenmount Ave. north of 33rd Street—proposed that a mural be painted on the northern exterior wall of the building to reflect the goals of the program, the center and the Waverly community. On Oct. 12, the vision became reality, as Baltimore-based muralist Bob Hieronimus' work—"A Little Help From Our Friends"—was unveiled before a large crowd.

The international figures depicted in the mural were chosen for their role in mediation or for breaking barriers in society and setting new limits for the human spirit. Liu Gang, the organizer of the Chinese student demonstrators in Tiananmen Square in 1989—who recently fled to the United States—is featured in the mural and was among the guests at the ceremony.

Other guests representing those pictured in the work included the widow of Baltimore's Hall of Fame Negro League baseball pitcher Leon Day, the adopted son of author Rachel Carson and the great-grand-niece of Harriet Tubman.



Photo by Louis Rosenstock

A mural designed by Baltimore artist Bob Hieronimus now adorns the wall of the Safe and Smart Center.