

Mary Field Apartments

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A collaboration with Philadelphia Mural Arts Advocates is transforming Mary Field Senior Apartments into a revitalized, community-centered home for older adults in Philadelphia with a new mural that tells the story of the residents and their impact on the community.

In 2025, Philadelphia Mural Arts Advocates received a PHARE award for \$200,000 to support the Meeting the Challenge: Enhancing Community Housing Solutions project. The Challenge project is meant to benefit residents in five Philadelphia neighborhoods through mural installations and beautification, promotion of housing resources, and organizing community events. Mary Field Senior Apartments was selected as one of the neighborhoods to host a mural for the Challenge project.

Through community collaboration and input sessions hosted by HumanGood and Mural Arts, the residents of Mary Field have worked with artist Cesar Viveros Herrera, pictured right, to design a mural to beautify the neighborhood.



The community recently hosted a community paint day to unveil the design of a new mural and to begin the painting process. The event brought together residents and the surrounding neighborhood in the mural creation, adding a layer of beauty, identity, and shared ownership to the community beyond the brick-and-mortar improvements.

HumanGood, the nonprofit owner and operator of Mary Field Senior Apartments, received a 4% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LITHC) through PHARE in 2023, which is also funding a comprehensive rehabilitation of Mary Field Senior Apartments. The rehabilitation preserves affordable, quality housing for seniors while extending the long-term viability of the property.

These two PHARE awarded projects illustrate how affordable housing dollars help stabilize critical housing stock in Philadelphia and reaffirm the dignity, visibility, and vibrancy of communities and neighborhoods. For the residents calling Mary Field home, the result is not just a renovated building, but a space that reflects their experiences and their neighborhood's character.

This partnership highlights PHARE's flexibility in supporting complementary strategies to build stronger, more connected communities through capital improvements, placemaking, and public art across the Commonwealth.

Pictured right are Jane Golden, Executive Director of Philadelphia Mural Arts Advocates, and a resident of Mary Field Senior Apartments.



