

## **Quirk Middle School ASI Graffiti Program**

The Quirk Middle School ASI Graffiti Program has finished its mural on the side of Beacon Light and Supply, located at 180 Walnut Street in Hartford. The students did a great job and the mural looks fantastic. Working as a team to finish the mural, the students learned a lot about cooperation. The students also learned about creating art, from how to use a can of spray paint to color schemes to how to make something appear to be 3 dimensional. There was an amazing amount of support from the community for this project. Many people would stop and watch the students paint, asking them questions and saying how much they loved the mural. We could not have done with this mural without the support from different organizations within the community.

We would like to thank Beacon Light and Supply for giving us the opportunity to create this mural, 3B's Hardware Supply at 301 Franklin Avenue for supplying the painting supplies, Sherwin Williams for donating paint, the Law Firm of Mayo Crowe LLC at 185 Asylum Street for buying some spray paint for us, and Glenn Geathers from the City of Hartford, Economic Development Division for helping us to put this project together.

We also would like to thank Catholic Charities for their support, and in particular Jason Bush and April Goff-Brown for giving the students the chance to create this mural and making sure they had everything they needed to finish it.

If anyone is interested in seeing the great job done by these middle school students, the mural is located on the side of Beacon Light and Supply at 180 Walnut Street in Hartford. Any businesses or organizations that would like a mural painted for their business next year should contact April Goff-Brown, Director of Comprehensive Youth Services, Catholic Charities, 999 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105, phone 860-548-0030, email: [agoffbrown@ccaoh.org](mailto:agoffbrown@ccaoh.org)