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CREATION OF MURAL FOR THE CHARLES W. GILCHRIST CENTER

-- Local Youth Choose Design that Reflects a Diverse Community --

(Rockville, MD) – Interweaving diversity, multiculturalism and community, Arts on the Block Apprentice Artists work together to design and build a mural for the Charles W. Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity in **ARTS ON THE BLOCK PRESENTS THE GILCHRIST CENTER MURAL**, premiering **Tuesday, August 7 from 3 – 3:30 PM** on **Access Montgomery TV 21**.

ARTS ON THE BLOCK PRESENTS THE GILCHRIST CENTER MURAL captures the entire work process including interviewing dozens of Center patrons and staff members to visits to art museums to the design and actual construction of the mural itself, and its installation and dedication.

Ten students from Wheaton, John F. Kennedy and Springbrook high schools created the mural to be a reflection of the mission of the Charles W. Gilchrist Center and the culturally diverse community it serves. Standing 5 feet tall by 51 feet wide, the design includes nine large circles, with spirals and exploding comet-like objects representing symbols found over and over in artwork of cultures around the world.

“**ARTS ON THE BLOCK PRESENTS THE GILCHRIST CENTER MURAL** brings the work of our youth alive for viewers. It is an opportunity for the community to see their

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positive contributions first-hand.” said Richard Turner, Executive Director, Montgomery, Community Television, Inc., the parent company of Access Montgomery.

The mural project is a collaborative effort between Arts on the Block, the Charles W. Gilchrist Center and Access Montgomery Television. Other sponsors include the Public Arts Trust of the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, the Maryland State Arts Council and the Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families.

Access Montgomery, a service of **Montgomery Community Television, Inc.**, is the county’s only independent, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing residents with diverse programming, television production, and training resources. Access Montgomery has successfully educated, informed, and entertained county viewers for over 20 years, training more than 4,000 county residents in its television production workshops. Access Montgomery operates two cable channels, *Access Montgomery TV 19* and *Access Montgomery TV 21*. For more information about Access Montgomery, visit www.accessmontgomery.tv.

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Note: Additional airdates and times for **ARTS ON THE BLOCK PRESENTS THE GILCHRIST CENTER MURAL:**

Friday, August 10 from 11:30 PM– midnight

Sunday, August 12 from 9-9:30 PM

Thursday, August 16 from 3:30-4 PM

Saturday, August 18 from 8-8:30 PM