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NEW MOSAIC GRACES PADDINGTON POOL

A vibrant new mosaic panel greets everyone who uses the pool at the Paddington Square apartment community in Silver Spring, which is owned and operated by the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County. The mosaic was created by a group of young artists from the nonprofit organization "Arts on the Block." The Maryland State Arts Council provided a grant to Community Partners Inc., HOC's nonprofit organization, to create the mosaic.



"The phrase 'It takes a village to raise a child,' motivated me to draw the warm caring sun protecting the children as they chase after their dreams," said Ronald Gardiner, a young artist who helped create the mosaic. "Their dreams are represented by moons. My design is playful and I chose bright colors to create an inviting environment because the pool is a fun place to be at," he added.

The mosaic was created several months ago by a group of young artists, including **Kevin Herrera**, a resident of Paddington Square.

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Art at the Paddington pool: Shown above: Lifeguard Luis Ventura, young Paddington resident Juan Pablo Cordova and Sandy Tuttle, HOC Resident Counselor.