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Detroit youth workers partner with international graffiti artists to send inner-city youth to summer camp

Detroit, August 2nd & 8th, 2014 – Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation announces its 2nd annual youth summer camp fundraiser *Off the Wall*, a graffiti art show on Friday, August 8 from 7 PM to 2 AM. Held at the DHDC's youth center in Corktown on Trumbull St., last year's event attracted 100 people and garnered close to \$5,000. Graffiti artists donated art for DHDC to auction at *Off the Wall* in exchange for the opportunity to participate in a large, graffiti art mural on DHDC's west wall. This year's graffiti art mural will incorporate Detroit's strong automotive and industrial history with international flair.

DHDC's Youth Department organizes this fundraiser to take their Summer Youth Program participants to a campsite outside of Detroit for a few days. Having hosted youth development programs for nearly two decades, DHDC staff understands the importance of the opportunity for Detroit youth to leave the city and have fun in a team-building and nurturing environment. For the kids, time at camp is about spending time with friends, trusting adults, and enjoying activities such as swimming, horseback riding, hiking and fishing. Unfortunately these simple things are hard to do in most cities, and even harder to do in Southwest Detroit.

This year's *Off the Wall* art show will be preceded by a three-day painting festival, with a *Gaz & Grafz* car show and graffiti art mural exhibition on Saturday, August 2 from 1 to 6 PM. *Gaz & Grafz* will have food for sale and live performances from local artists, and *Off the Wall* will have a graffiti art silent auction, a small admission fee, and complimentary food and beverage. These two fundraisers have attracted notable local support from businesses including 7 Stone Management, Zumba Mexican Grille, Lopez Auto Accessories, Cakes by the Cup, and Cabresto's. For any questions related to these fundraisers, please contact Lex Zavala at lexzavala@dhdc1.org.

About Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation

Founded in 1997 by Angela Reyes, DHDC provides life changing services to Southwest Detroit youth and their families. Growing to service almost 7,000 individuals annually, DHDC remains committed to providing a safe, nurturing environment that promotes family, education, and healthy lifestyles. Services include Youth Leadership, Urban Arts, Padres Unidos, ESL & GED classes, tattoo removal and gang prevention.

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