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A Vision for all to See Governor Deval Patrick Exhibits Community Service at Little Sprouts

Merrimack Valley, Ma. January 29, 2009 – Martin Luther King Dr. Day was celebrated this year not only as a day of remembrance for one of the most influential leaders in American history, but also to honor his mission through community service. Governor Deval Patrick issued the weekend of January 17-19th as a service weekend, and participated himself through reestablishing environments within Roxbury Community College. Along with YouthBuild Boston and the Red Sox Foundation, Governor Patrick chose Little Sprouts @ Roxbury Community College as a site for service. The volunteer team was joined by Little Sprouts teachers and literacy team to reorganize classrooms and paint multicultural murals inside the school. The mural, which spans 3 walls, showcases Little Sprouts literacy, math, and science curriculum and characters from WGBH's *Between the Lions* and *Peep and the Big Wide World*. Governor Patrick's artwork is now memorialized inside the school as is the inspiration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision and a reminder of the importance of service to others. "Governor Patrick's dedication to ensuring that "All means All" with both access and quality for all preschool children in the Commonwealth is underscored by his support in creating this community service day. This beautiful mural represents literacy rich art for our children," noted Susan Leger Ferraro, Founder and President of Little Sprouts. "We are honored to serve with the Governors administration in creating models of early education excellence in the nation."



Governor Patrick and community volunteer painting mural inside Little Sprouts at Roxbury Community College.

About Little Sprouts Inc.: Little Sprouts has been a leader in providing award winning early education since 1982. As group of humanitarians, we trust in the power of literacy to change the world; social, emotional, intellectual and physical literacy for children, youth, teachers and families. We believe in the commonality in humanity. We embrace that unity is best achieved by celebrating diversity. Little Sprouts has 9 schools in Massachusetts supporting families that reflect 32 cultures speaking 23 languages from all walks of social, economic, religious and ethnic backgrounds. To learn more about how you can join us in making the world a better place, visit us at www.littlesprouts.com