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President Michael J. Murphy  
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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Community partners in Sherman Park to unveil new gateway sculpture**

Neighborhood leaders, collaborators and residents will gather Tuesday afternoon at the western gateway to the historic Sherman Park neighborhood to unveil a new work of public art made possible by a massive community partnership.

Entitled *Compassion*, the sculpture is intended to highlight the gateway to the Sherman Park neighborhood, while enhancing an underused space at the prominent intersection of three main thoroughfares and engaging professional artists as integral members of the project team. "But it was just as important to partner with other neighborhood organizations and resources, and to involve community members in the planning and execution of this project," said **10<sup>th</sup> District Alderman Michael J. Murphy**.

The project was initially funded by the Greater Milwaukee Foundation's Mary L. Nohl Fund, which launched the Healthy Neighborhoods Art Initiative as a part of GMF's centennial observance this year. As a designated "healthy neighborhood," **Sherman Park Community Association** applied for and received a grant of \$20,000 towards the creation of art in a public space. This funding was matched with a \$10,000 grant from the City of Milwaukee Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation to increase the scope of the project.

Alderman Murphy said many other contributors played a crucial role in the project, including artists Marina Lee (sculptor) and Ann Wydeven (mosaic artist), the Norwood Neighborhood Group, Urban Underground, 53rd Street School, True Vine Missionary Baptist Church, The Goat Palace, the Department of City Development, the Department of Neighborhood Services and the Department of Public Works.

**What: Unveiling of *Compassion* Sculpture**  
**When: Tuesday, November 24th at 1:00 p.m.**  
**Where: 5919 W. Roosevelt Dr. (at Burleigh and 60th St.)**