



Lidia Castillo of MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity) speaks about the importance of the mural in beautifying the community. The colorful mural is located under the 5 freeway overpass on Van Nuys Boulevard.



Volunteers from Positive Alternatives for Youth join in the effort to paint the mural on Saturday.



The Mural features girls and boys in a variety of uniforms. Alex Padilla stands next to the image of a female astronaut.



Local Sylmar artists Manny Velazquez created and designed the mural. He also directed the local youth volunteering to paint the mural.