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With a snip of the giant scissors, the Coral Street Arts House opened its doors September 23rd, 2005, almost a year to the date renovation began. After a century of industrial use, a decade of uncertainty, and a year-long rehabilitation, Coral Street has come full circle — and then some. Once employing textile makers, the former mill now provides affordable housing and studio space for artists, and others who qualify. The historic brick building stands as a monument to East Kensington’s industrial past, while serving as a harbinger of things to come. The conversion of the “Factory” is part of NKCDC’s effort to maintain our neighborhood’s economic diversity, while revitalizing Frankford Avenue’s commercial core. Despite a demolition order, twenty-six dumpsters of debris, and countless pigeons, the project came to fruition through the dedication of many staff members.

Many design features are the direct result of input from residents, interior walls are used to display work by artists-in residence, and a community room is available for events. Modern amenities complement original architectural elements: wood floors, exposed brick and freight doors. The historically accurate window requirement was met using a unique engineering technique recreating the low-e glass and wood frames while providing for energy efficiency.

This project was made possible through the use of both Low Income and Historic Tax Credits for a total of \$7.5 million in financial subsidy provided by our funders above*.

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