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Eight Pennsylvania Communities Get a Fresh Coat of Paint Thanks to Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, Behr, and The Home Depot

(September 4, 2018) –Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful announced today the eight grant recipients of their 2018 Fresh Paint Days Pennsylvania Program. Designed to provide community groups with paint and painting supplies, the program enables these groups to renew a community structure in need into something beautiful through the application of fresh paint and a lot of elbow grease. This year's event is held in partnership with support from Behr and The Home Depot. During the month of September, the grant recipients will transform their structure utilizing up to 20 gallons of exterior paints, courtesy of Behr and a gift card for painting supplies courtesy of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful.

The grant winners and projects are as follows:

Association Puertorriquenos en Marcha, Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County - The Children's Mission building that provides local children with interactive educational programs and health and wellness services to adults and seniors.

Borough of Union City, Union City, Erie County – A historic residence at the entrance to the community.

Keep Norristown Beautiful, Norristown, Montgomery County – The Norristown Bandshell Stage at Elmwood Park, an outdoor amphitheater that has been a landmark in the community since 1936.

Main Street Waynesboro Inc., Waynesboro, Franklin County - Zoe's Chocolate Company, a family-owned destination restaurant and strong supporter of downtown activities.

Nonprofit Development Corporation, Clarion, Clarion County - The Clarion County Drop-in Center/Victory House, a consumer-run center that provides support for people in recovery.

Olivet Boys and Girls Club, Reading, Berks County – The playground shelter, bathrooms, picnic tables and sidewalk games.

Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, Stroudsburg, Monroe County – The Parish Hall addition to the Stroudsburg United Methodist church used for community outreach programs.

West Newton Public Library, West Newton, Westmoreland County – The refurbished two-story structure that houses the public library.

"We are very proud and honored to partner with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and The Home Depot on this wonderful program. Giving back to our communities is at the very Core of our Corporate philosophy, as well as being extremely important to those of us living in these communities," stated Robert Kracker, Behr Paint and Kilz Primers; Regional Sales Manager.

"Through our partnership with Behr and The Home Depot, Fresh Paint Days Pennsylvania empowers community groups to take a direct role in community revitalization efforts," explains Shannon Reiter, President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful. "We know that structures that are maintained cultivate community pride and we are excited to see so many community members who are willing to roll up their sleeves and make a difference in their communities. Something as simple as a fresh coat of paint on a community structure can help reverse the negative effects of blight and sends a strong message that we care about our communities. Congratulations to the recipients of this year's Fresh Paint Days Pennsylvania grants and thank you all for participating."

For more information about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful programs visit <u>www.keeppabeautiful.org</u>. Fresh Paint Days Pennsylvania can be found under Grants and Awards.

About Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's mission is empowering Pennsylvanians to make our communities clean and beautiful. Since 1990, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and its volunteers have removed over 133 million pounds of litter from Pennsylvania's roadways, greenways, parks, forests, and waterways. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit <u>www.keeppabeautiful.org</u>.