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Community Improvement Projects Completed with the help of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful's Fresh Paint Days Program Grants

(November 28, 2018) – This fall, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, in partnership with The Home Depot and Behr, awarded eight community groups with paint and painting supplies enabling them to renew a community structure in need.



This year's program engaged local volunteers in painting projects that included an historic residence, a bandshell, a playground shelter, a family-owned destination eatery, local missions, a church and a library. Armed with 20 gallons of paint, residents made an impact to treasured neighborhood structures, improving local areas and whole communities. Community projects, completed between the months of September and November, included:

Association Puertorriquenos en Marcha, Philadelphia City, Philadelphia County – Students of Temple University Lewis Katz School of Medicine and other program partners helped paint the Children's Mission building that provides local children with interactive educational programs and health and wellness services to adults and seniors. (Top photo)



Stroudsburg United Methodist Church, Stroudsburg, Monroe County – Used for decades as a meeting place and a soup kitchen, the Parish Hall addition to the Stroudsburg United Methodist church, was painted by church members and volunteers. "This section of the church was made beautiful by the Fresh Paint Days grants. We are all very grateful," said Kay Bucci, coordinator of the event and church member. (Middle photo)



West Newton Public Library, West Newton, Westmoreland County – "The Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful Project transformed the West Newton Public Library into a focal point to attract visitors to our community. Through collaboration with Behr paint, Home Depot, Contemporary Design and the Yough Senior Art Students, West Newton's rich history has been represented by two murals designed by two local students. The murals reflect our past and promote the progress our community has made in economic growth of our trail town through recreation and tourism," said Mary Popovich, Vice President, West Newton Public Library. (Bottom photo)

"Our program is meant to empower residents to enhance and improve one structure. Sometimes that's all it takes to get the

momentum going to improve other buildings and even whole areas and eventually spur economic growth and development. Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful is thrilled to provide the seed for such projects. It is so inspirational to see what can be accomplished when community members work together. The transformations are a visible reminder of the pride that people have for the places they live. Through our partnership with BEHR and The Home Depot we are honored to be a part of these community revitalization efforts,” added Shannon Reiter, President of Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful.

For a complete list of 2018 projects and pictures, visit www.keeppabeautiful.org, click on Keep It, then Fresh Paint Days.

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 www.keeppabeautiful.org.