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

Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful announced today the eight grant recipients of their 2019 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 Foundation. During the month of September, the grant recipients will transform their structures utilizing up to 20 gallons of exterior paints, courtesy of Behr and a gift card for painting supplies courtesy of The Home Depot Foundation.

The grant winners and projects are as follows:

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 928, Folsom, Delaware County - The VFW Post 928 and attached banquet hall that functions as the headquarters for outreach and support projects serving the local community, both veterans and civilians alike.

Sunbury's Revitalization Inc., Sunbury, Northumberland County – The home to Custom Metal Coatings, a small, family owned local business located in a federally designated historic district.

8th Police District Advisory Council, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County – The historic, 200 year old Bethany African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Lawrence County Partners for Preservation, Pulaski, Lawrence County - Former home of the Feuchtwanger family and current home to the office of Lawrence County United Way.

Reinvision Huntingdon, Huntingdon, Huntingdon County – A downtown community structure that was built in the late 1800's and is used by local Juniata College students studying studio art and integrated media arts.

Tri-City Meals on Wheels, Greensburg, Westmoreland County – Building where approximately 200 meals are prepared daily for the elderly and disabled.

Philadelphia Mural Arts, Philadelphia, Philadelphia County – Tustin Playground Recreation Center, serving the Overbrook Community since the 1950's.

Borough of Patterson Heights, Beaver Falls, Beaver County - Municipal building that houses the Patterson Heights Volunteer Fire Department and serves as a gathering place for government activities and community functions.

“We are very proud and honored to partner with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and The Home Depot Foundation 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.

“We’re delighted to partner with Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful on this effort and applaud their work. We hope these tremendous efforts positively affect everyone involved,” stated Courtney Smith, Manager at The Home Depot Foundation.

“Through our partnership with Behr and The Home Depot Foundation, 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 www.keeppabeautiful.org. Fresh Paint Days Pennsylvania can be found under Grants and Awards.

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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 141 million pounds of litter from Pennsylvania’s roadways, greenways, parks, forests, and waterways. To learn more about Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, visit www.keeppabeautiful.org.

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