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PPG Completes COLORFUL COMMUNITIES Project at Thomas Edison Birthplace Museum in Ohio

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Employees revitalize landmark, foundation donates \$20,000 for educational programs

MILAN, Ohio--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- As part of its global community engagement efforts, PPG (NYSE: PPG) announced the completion of a COLORFUL COMMUNITIES™ project that helped to revitalize and restore the Thomas Edison Birthplace Museum in Milan, Ohio. In addition, the PPG Foundation donated \$20,000 on behalf of PPG's architectural coatings business to support the museum's science, technology, engineering and math education programs.

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PPG employee volunteers completed a COLORFUL COMMUNITIES project that helped to revitalize and restore the Thomas Edison Birthplace Museum in Milan, Ohio. (Photo: Business Wire)

our museum and will preserve these historic buildings for years to come. And the grant will enable us to inspire thousands of children and adults with the spirit of Edison's determination."

Premium PPG Paints products, including MANOR HALL® paint, TIMELESS® paint and PPG TOP GUN® sealant were used to protect and beautify two interior rooms of the birthplace home and the exterior of the museum's welcome center. PPG selected a custom color palette for the buildings, including colors such as PPG Paints Zebra Grass (PPG1126-5), Adobe White (PPG1100-2), Halo (PPG1091-4), Farm Fresh (PPG1129-5) and Warm Mahogany (PPG1060-7). Ideal for high-traffic areas, PPG Paints Manor Hall paint, primer and stain repellent-in-one is a super-premium latex developed to provide a durable finish, excellent color retention, adhesion and fade resistance, allowing the interior walls of the museum to stand up to finger prints, regular cleaning and maintenance. PPG Paints Timeless exterior paint's fade resistance and adhesion will protect the structures from varied seasons experienced in Northern Ohio.

Dave Kuhn, PPG plant manager at the nearby Huron, Ohio, architectural coatings facility, said, "PPG and our foundation are committed to investing in our communities, especially to support local landmarks and boost educational opportunities. We are proud to be a community partner to the Edison Birthplace Museum and hope the restoration project helps it continue to promote the legacy of this great innovator. We also hope that programs funded through the grant will inspire the next generation of scientists, mathematicians and innovators."

The Thomas Edison Birthplace Museum showcases the American inventor's commitment to innovation and science through his inventions, memorabilia, family photographs and paintings. The museum is self-funded, primarily from its 6,000 visitors each year.

PPG's architectural coatings manufacturing and distribution facilities in Huron employ approximately 200 people, and PPG operates 10 PPG Paints stores in Northern Ohio. Visit www.ppgpaints.com for more on the PPG Paints brand, and visit www.ppgpaints.com/store-locator to find a PPG Paints store.

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Noted as the most famous American inventor, the Thomas Edison Birthplace Museum showcases his life-long commitment to innovation and science through demonstrations of his inventions and displays of documents and family mementos. Approximately 30 PPG volunteers and contractors from Textbook Painting of Lakewood, Ohio, used 50 gallons of PPG PAINTS™ products to protect and beautify the National Historic Landmark site, which dates back to the early 1840s, and the museum's welcome center.

The \$20,000 PPG Foundation grant enables the [Thomas Edison Birthplace Museum](#) to extend its educational activities to reach approximately 16,000 students. Programs are based on Edison's experiments and inventions, and involve genuine museum collectables.

"We are very thankful for, and overwhelmed by, the generosity of PPG and the PPG Foundation," said Lois J. Wolf, director, Edison Birthplace Museum. "The PPG Paints products have given new life to

The *Colorful Communities* program is PPG's signature initiative for community engagement efforts, with the aim to protect and beautify the neighborhoods where PPG operates around the world. The program increases PPG's commitment to invest in communities by adding \$10 million to support efforts made during a 10-year period. Together with community partners and PPG employees who volunteer, it supports projects that transform community assets using donated PPG products. In 2015, PPG completed 11 *Colorful Communities* projects, and it expects to complete about 30 more this year.

PPG and the PPG Foundation aim to bring color and brightness to PPG communities around the world. We donated more than \$7.8 million in 2015 to hundreds of community organizations across 20 countries. By investing in educational opportunities, we help grow today's skilled workforce and develop tomorrow's innovators in industries related to coatings and specialty materials. Plus, we empower PPG employees to make an impact for causes that are important to them by supporting their volunteer efforts and charitable giving. Learn more at www.ppgcommunities.com and follow [@PPG_Communities](https://twitter.com/PPG_Communities) on Twitter.

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