

# PPG Completes COLORFUL COMMUNITIES Project at Propel Homestead Public Charter School in Pittsburgh

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PITTSBURGH--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PPG (NYSE:PPG) today announced the completion of a COLORFUL COMMUNITIES™ project in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, that helped revitalize Propel Homestead charter school. The *Colorful Communities* program provides PPG volunteers and paint products along with financial contributions to bring color and vitality to communities where the company operates around the world, such as in Pittsburgh, PPG's global headquarters city.

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Faculty and students of Propel Homestead participated in a special unveiling ceremony during the school's annual back-to-school block party to celebrate the newly restored classrooms for the 2018-2019 school year. (Photo: Business Wire)

The project brought together nearly 110 employee volunteers from the global PPG research and development (R&D) community who spent the day revitalizing 21 classrooms and eight bathrooms throughout the school. PPG provided approximately 110 gallons of PPG PAINTS™ products for the project.

Propel Homestead opened in 2003 with 180 students in the basement of the previous Homestead hospital. It was the first school for Propel Schools, which is a not-for-profit federation of public charter schools in educationally underserved communities. Today, Propel Homestead has approximately 400 students in kindergarten through eighth grade and operates in a renovated school facility.

The PPG volunteers painted classrooms in the school's colors of blue and yellow to create a brighter learning environment for the students and faculty upon their return from summer vacation and for years to come. *PPG Paints* colors used included Spun Cotton, Honey Bee and Windjammer.

PPG volunteers previously completed *Colorful Communities* projects at Propel Hazelwood in 2015 and Propel Pitcairn in 2016.

"We are deeply grateful to have been selected to participate in a *Colorful Communities* project again," said Dr. Tina Chekan, CEO and superintendent, Propel Schools. "The work of the PPG volunteers helped set the tone for a successful school year."

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The *Colorful Communities* program, PPG's signature initiative for supporting communities, aims to protect and beautify the neighborhoods where PPG operates around the world. Through the *Colorful Communities* program, PPG's committed volunteers contribute their time and PPG paint products to help transform community assets – from painting classrooms, to bringing color to a maternity ward and redesigning a playground. Since 2015, PPG has completed more than 170 *Colorful Communities* projects, impacting nearly 5 million people in 25 countries.

PPG and the PPG Foundation aim to bring color and brightness to PPG communities around the world. We invested more than \$10.5 million in 2017, supporting hundreds of community organizations across 29 countries. By investing in educational opportunities, we help grow today's skilled workforce and develop tomorrow's innovators in fields related to coatings and manufacturing. Plus, we empower PPG employees to multiply their impact for causes that are important to them by supporting their volunteer efforts and charitable giving. Learn more at [www.ppgcommunities.com](http://www.ppgcommunities.com).

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