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PPG Brightens and Restores Youth Center in Wyandotte County, Kansas

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Employees revitalize State Street Project, PPG Foundation invests \$20,000 for science education

KANSAS CITY, Kan.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- PPG (NYSE: PPG) today announced the completion of a [COLORFUL COMMUNITIES™](#) project in Kansas City, Kansas, to revitalize [State Street Project](#), a youth empowerment center in Wyandotte County. In addition, the PPG Foundation donated \$20,000 to fund a 10-week summer science, technology, engineering and math program for up to 100 inner-city students.

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More than 30 PPG employee volunteers today completed a Colorful Communities project at State Street Project, a youth empowerment center in Wyandotte County, Kansas. Using PPG Paints products, the project helped brighten and add color to various areas of the building. (Photo: Business Wire)

as well as neutral Antique White (PPG 1024-2) and Sharkskin (PPG 1025-4).

"I love walking in the door; you can't help but feel inspired," Metzler-Martinez said. "The *PPG Paints* products have given new color, life and energy to this historic building."

Thomas Maziarz, PPG vice president – stores and dealers, remarked that the new, vivid colors will greatly enhance the learning environment. "We know color plays a powerful role in energizing and revitalizing a space," he said. "This new custom palette will transform the way these students think and feel about their surroundings."

Premium PPG products, such as *PPG Paints* MANOR HALL® interior paint, were applied to protect and brighten the lobby, hallway and several classrooms on the first floor of the building. The paint, primer and stain-repellant-in-one is a super-premium latex that resists stains and provides excellent durability, making it ideal for use in high-traffic areas. *PPG Paints* BREAK-THROUGH!® paint, which uses new technology to provide excellent adhesion, hardness and block resistance to various hard-to-paint surfaces, was applied to give new life to metal lockers.

"PPG is proud to support State Street Project's mission by creating a colorful space where the young people of Wyandotte County can flourish and grow," Maziarz said. "The Kansas City region is very important to PPG, and when we learned of the valuable contribution State Street Project is making in the community, we knew we wanted to partner with this organization and be part of it."

Notable Kansas City community members joining the day's activities included Emily McNeill of the Eric Berry Foundation; Chuck Schlittler, director, KC Downtown Shareholders; and Wyandotte County Commissioner, Brian McKiernan. Kansas City, Kansas Mayor, Mark Holland, issued a special proclamation to commemorate the occasion, making May 31, 2017 "PPG Colorful Communities Day."

PPG employs approximately 180 people in the Kansas City region. Its product lines, such as [PPG Paints](#), [OLYMPIC®](#) and [GLIDDEN®](#) paints and stains, and [LIQUID NAILS®](#) adhesives and sealants, are available in the region at retail locations such as *PPG Paints* stores, THE HOME DEPOT®

The *Colorful Communities* program provides PPG volunteers and products along with financial contributions to bring color and vitality to communities around the world. In Kansas City, more than 30 PPG employees, along with paint professionals from [Neighborhood Painting](#), applied nearly 90 gallons of donated premium paint to the historic State Street Project building, which was built in 1923.

"We are overwhelmed by the generosity of PPG and its employees," said Tawnya Metzler-Martinez, co-founder, State Street Project. "This gift will help us serve and inspire hundreds of children. I can't wait to see the looks on their faces when they see how beautiful and vibrant our building is!"

State Street Project is a community outlet providing a safe and positive environment where youth can receive mentoring and academic tutoring, learn workforce skills, and participate in sports, art, dance and music activities. The organization selected a vibrant custom palette of PPG PAINTS™ products including Beach Party (PPG 1211-6), Orange Poppy (PPG 1196-7), King Triton (PPG 1242-5), Grassy Meadow (PPG 1228-6) and Calypso Berry (PPG 1185-7),

stores, LOWE'S® stores, MENARDS® stores, WALMART® stores and independent dealers.

View event photos and video in the Colorful Communities program's [online newsroom](#).

The [Colorful Communities program](#) is PPG's signature initiative for community engagement efforts, with the aim to enhance, protect and beautify neighborhoods where PPG operates around the world. The program increases PPG's commitment to invest in communities and supports projects that transform community spaces, providing PPG volunteers and donated PPG products. In 2015 and 2016 combined, PPG completed nearly 60 *Colorful Communities* projects, and it expects to complete about 75 more this year.

PPG and the PPG Foundation aim to bring color and brightness to PPG communities around the world. We donated nearly \$10 million in 2016, supporting hundreds of community organizations across 25 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 and follow [@PPG_Communities](#) on Twitter.

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