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Benjamin Moore announces support for community and heritage groups across Canada

(RED DEER, ALTA.) May 25, 2009 – Thirty-three community agencies across Canada are receiving grants and Benjamin Moore paint as part of the Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program, a partnership between Benjamin Moore and Community Foundations of Canada. The renovation and heritage restoration projects, announced today, range from restoring a vaudeville theatre to refurbishing program space for an immigrant women’s organization.

This year, the program is awarding \$75,000 in grants and more than \$14,000 in paint to community groups in 20 communities across Canada, from Kelowna, BC to Sydney, NS.

“We’re proud to be part of The Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program, which gives charities the materials and expertise they need to refurbish buildings of historical interest or social importance to their community,” says Monica Patten, CEO of Community Foundations of Canada.

“The restoration program is a great way to make a positive difference in our community, by sharing something that we are passionate about – our expertise and our products – with people who are equally committed to the community and its heritage and vitality,” says Mark Hodge, General Manager of Benjamin Moore’s Western Region, where today’s announcement was held. Hodge made the announcement on behalf of Benjamin Moore Canada’s three General Managers.

Grants in All Three Benjamin Moore Regions

In Western Region, Benjamin Moore is providing \$25,000 in financial support and \$4,800 in paint to 12 community groups in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Central Region General Manager, Mike Kolind, is announcing \$25,000 in grants and \$4,500 in paint to nine charitable organizations in Ontario.

In Eastern Region, General Manager Richard Tremblay is announcing grants to 12 organizations in the National Capital Region, Quebec and Nova Scotia totaling \$25,000 and \$4,900 in paint donations. Since 1998 the Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program has supported more than 150 community groups with grants totaling \$530,000 and \$116,000 in donated paint. Community foundations across the country assist the program by using their local networks and community knowledge to identify applicants that meet the program's criteria.

Applications for 2010 program

The application process for the 2010 Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program will begin in October 2009. For information regarding the communities that will be targeted next year and details of the application process please visit www.cfc-fcc.ca

Community Foundations of Canada is the national membership organization for Canada's community foundations. Canada's 165 community foundations help Canadians invest in building strong and resilient places to live, work and play. Together they are one of the largest supporters of Canadian communities, providing \$169 million in support of local priorities and organizations in 2008. To find out more visit www.cfc-fcc.ca

Benjamin Moore & Co., a Berkshire Hathaway company, was founded in 1883 and established its Canadian operations in 1906. One of North America's leading manufacturers of premium quality residential, commercial and industrial maintenance coatings, its products are distributed through a network of independent paint and decorating retailers. Be sure to visit www.benjaminmoore.ca to locate a Benjamin Moore retailer.

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Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program 2009 Grant Recipients

Western Region

Central Okanagan Heritage Society, Kelowna BC

Central Alberta Theatre, Red Deer, AB

Community Information Referral Society of Red Deer and Area, Red Deer, AB

Central Alberta Immigrant Women's Association, Red Deer, AB

Schizophrenia Society of Alberta Red Deer & Area Chapter, Red Deer, AB

Bailey Theatre Society, Camrose, AB

The Open Door, Camrose, AB

Western Development Museum, North Battleford, SK

Saskatchewan Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum Association Inc., Battleford, SK

CMHA Westman Region, for the Massey Integrated Housing partnership, Brandon, MB

Western Manitoba Women's Regional Resource Centre Inc., Brandon, MB

Brandon Family YMCA, Brandon, MB

Central Region

Baysville Library, Township of Lake of Bays, ON

Boys & Girls Club of Niagara, Niagara Falls, ON

Port Cares, Port Colborne, ON

Carousel Players, St. Catharines, ON

Women's House Serving Bruce & Grey, Kincardine, ON

Billy Bishop Home & Museum, Owen Sound, ON

Region of Peel Chapelview Apartments Project, Brampton, ON

Marine Museum of the Great Lakes at Kingston, Kingston ON

Elgin and Area Heritage Society, Elgin, ON

Eastern Region

Winthrop Court Community House, Ottawa, ON

SAW Video, Ottawa, ON

Maison Tucker House, Rockland, ON

L'oasis des enfants de Rosemont, Montreal, QC

Montreal Children's Library, Montreal, QC

Le Repas du Passant, Longueuil, QC



Fondation Robert-Giffard, Quebec, QC

Association du patrimoine de Deschambault, Deschambault-Grondines (Québec)

Discovery Centre, Halifax, NS

Canadian Mental Health Association NS Division, Dartmouth, NS

Adsum for Women & Children, Halifax, NS

Old Sydney Society, Sydney, NS