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**DALLAS THANKS SHERWIN-WILLIAMS**

**1,200 Sherwin-Williams Associates- Painting A Brighter Future in One of America's Largest Painting Projects**

***The Power of 2,400 Hands - Transforming Words into Actions- Making a Difference with Lots of Elbow Grease and Paint***

**January 27, 2009 Dallas, Texas**

**VISUALS: Stills of the 1,200 S-W associates and B-roll of volunteer painting activities will be available at 2:30 p.m. EST on 1.27.09 from <http://www.sherwin.com/press/trade/kits/2009/>**

In one of the nation's largest volunteer painting projects 1,200 Sherwin-Williams employees (NYSE: SHW) from across America and Canada covered 10 Dallas nonprofit agencies with 7,200 hours of elbow grease and 1,000 gallons of paint, in an effort to make a difference during a day of community service.

Dallas Mayor Pro-tem and District 1 City Council representative, Dr. Elba Garcia welcomed 400 S-W associates at the Homeward Bound Rehabilitation Center.

*"I want to express our heartfelt thanks to the entire 1,200 members of the Sherwin-Williams team, said Dr. Garcia. Your efforts are truly monumental. Sherwin-Williams has managed to touch so many of our citizens in need with a wonderful helping hand, thank you."*

S-W teams painted the interiors of Homeward Bound Rehabilitation Center, Juliette Fowler Homes, Celestial Haven, Reconciliation Outreach, Central Dallas Ministries (Church, Community Center, Gym and Health Clinic), Anita Martinez Ballet Folklorico, Garland Boxing Club, Vickery Meadows Learning Center, and the Salvation Army (Pleasant Grove and Casa Shelter).

*"We are overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of Sherwin-Williams and its employees for giving their time and talent to help Homeward Bound. Knowing you care brightens our hearts."* Douglas Denton, Executive Director Homeward Bound.

*"When I heard that Sherwin Williams was coming to Homeward Bound to paint our rooms I could not believe it. We got to help pick out the colors. It feels so good to know people care. It gives me hope."* Homeward Bound Client.

Clients at these nonprofits include former addicts, runaway teens, seniors, the homeless, abused mothers, students from economically challenged neighborhoods, and families learning English.

*This Sherwin-Williams effort is a blessing. The painting project will save Juliette Fowler Homes \$30,000, a substantial amount of money with the economy in a slump and donors having fewer dollars."* Karen Matney Brown, vice president of development, Juliette Fowler Homes.

On the day before his inauguration, President Obama was painting at a D.C. homeless shelter as he called on all Americans to be of service to each other. For Sherwin-Williams, serving our communities on a daily basis has always been an integral and vital part of our company's 142-year history. It's the thread that joins every Sherwin-Williams employee in making a difference. We are extremely proud to not only host our National Sales Conference in Dallas but also have the chance to lend a helping hand.

*The girls' locker room at the Garland Police Youth gym was in such bad shape we discontinued using it. Sherwin-Williams is putting life back into the girls program and I can only tell you how that makes me feel- GREAT!!* Lt. Dave Swavey, Founder. The Garland program is nationally recognized by the U.S. Conference of Mayors as a best practice gang intervention prevention program.

### **Thanks from Sherwin-Williams**

Sherwin-Williams would also like to thank and acknowledge a number of partners who provided major contributions in making this day a success.

Werner Ladder Company: 250 ladders and step stools

Poly-America: donated 10,000 feet of drop clothes

Sherwin-Williams Diversified Brands, Purdy Division: brushes and roller covers

Sherwin-Williams Paint and Coatings Division: Twist-N-Pour cans

The Volunteer Center of North Texas: Making volunteerism a part of everyday life

American Airlines: transporting gift bags to our soldiers in Iraq

In addition to the 10 painting projects, 100 S-W associates were stuffing 250 bags with toiletries, candies, wipes, food items, and CD's for soldiers in Iraq. American Airlines has volunteered to ship the boxes overseas. In the group, 14 S-W associates have friends or relatives currently serving in Iraq.

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### **Background:**

#### **Sherwin-Williams**

Founded in 1866, The Sherwin-Williams Company is a global leader in the manufacture, development, distribution, and sale of coatings and related products to professional, industrial, commercial, and retail customers. The company manufactures products under well-known brands such as Sherwin-Williams<sup>®</sup>, Dutch Boy<sup>®</sup>, Krylon<sup>®</sup>, Minwax<sup>®</sup>, Thompson's<sup>®</sup> WaterSeal<sup>®</sup> and many more.

**The Sherwin-Williams Eastern Division** covers 15 states (CT, DC, DE, KY, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VA, VT, WV) and Canada with 800 stores staffed by 3,000 associates.

With global headquarters in Cleveland, Ohio, and Southwest Division headquarters in Dallas, Sherwin-Williams<sup>®</sup> branded products are sold exclusively through a chain of more than 3,300 company-operated stores and facilities across the country, while the company's other brands are sold through leading mass merchandisers, home centers, independent paint dealers, hardware stores, automotive retailers, and industrial distributors. The Sherwin-Williams Global Finishes Group distributes a wide range of products in more than 30 countries around the world. For more information, visit [www.sherwin.com](http://www.sherwin.com).

#### **VCNT**

The Volunteer Center of North Texas (VCNT) is a 37-year old nonprofit whose mission is *"making volunteerism a part of everyday life."* The VCNT connects people to causes by providing volunteers to more than 1,700 nonprofit agencies in North Texas.