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## PPG global leaders transform Kids in Distress campus in Florida with COLORFUL COMMUNITIES project

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Feb. 2, 2026 – PPG (NYSE:PPG) today announced the completion of a COLORFUL COMMUNITIES® project in collaboration with [Heart of America](#) to revitalize multiple spaces at the Fort Lauderdale, Fla. campus of Kids in Distress, Inc. (KID), an organization dedicated to preventing child abuse, preserving families and treating children who have been abused and neglected.

The *Colorful Communities* project brought together 100 of PPG's top global leaders to transform foster family group homes on the campus with fresh paint and colors, replacing kitchen cabinetry, assembling new furniture, beautifying outdoor spaces and creating an uplifting mural.

The project aimed to enhance the spaces where children live and provide a source of warmth and hope through color in their bedrooms, dining areas and outdoor play spaces. In addition, the PPG leaders used ENNIS-FLINT® by PPG DECOMARK® preformed thermoplastic horizontal surface signage to install an obstacle course designed by Traverse Landscape Architects. They also built 20 "little libraries" to share free books in the Fort Lauderdale community, assembled 24 tricycles and push cars, and put together 28 luggage sets filled with toiletries.

"For the children who live and heal on our campus, their environment matters deeply," said Mark Dhooge, president and CEO of Kids in Distress. "The commitment shown by PPG's global leaders goes far beyond paint and construction—it sends a powerful message to our kids that they are seen, valued and worthy of beautiful, safe spaces. We consider our campus an important part of each child's treatment. We are grateful for this partnership and for the heart and humanity that was poured into every corner of our campus."

"The work Kids in Distress does every day helps children feel protected and supported during incredibly difficult times," said Malesia Dunn, executive director, PPG Foundation and corporate global social responsibility. "By revitalizing these spaces with color and care, PPG's global leaders lived our purpose to 'protect and beautify' as they created environments designed to feel uplifting and comforting. Our hope is that these updated surroundings make a meaningful difference in helping children feel safe, calm and at home."

For this project, PPG teamed up with The Pittsburgh Paints Company to provide the architectural paint products and Heart of America, a nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming learning spaces for underserved students.

"At Heart of America, we know that learning happens everywhere: at home, in school and in the moments between. A stable, nurturing home environment is proven to support stronger attendance, engagement and learning outcomes," said Jill Hardy Heath, Heart of America President and CEO. "By transforming spaces in and surrounding the Kids in Distress campus with PPG, we're strengthening a critical part of that continuum. These refreshed spaces will help ensure children feel safe, supported and ready to learn."

[Watch a video](#) to see this project come to life.

In 2015, PPG launched the *Colorful Communities* program, uniting the power of PPG products with employee volunteers to brighten neighborhoods and make a positive impact on the people who call those neighborhoods home. In 2025, PPG celebrated 10 years of the program and committed \$15 million to extend it for another decade.

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PPG's global community engagement efforts and the PPG Foundation aim to bring color and brightness to PPG communities around the world. In 2025, we supported hundreds of organizations across more than 30 countries. By investing in educational opportunities, we help grow tomorrow's STEM innovators and skilled workforce 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 [here](#).

### **About Kids In Distress, Inc. (KID)**

Kids In Distress, Inc. (KID) is a nationally recognized nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of South Florida's most vulnerable children and families. KID impacts over 20,000 children and their families each year through its three programmatic pillars of foster care and adoption services, early childhood education, and community-based family strengthening and support.

### **About Heart of America**

Heart of America is a 501c3 nonprofit that transforms learning spaces and helps bridge resource gaps. Our work focuses on the whole student, knowing that the physical spaces where young people learn are just as important as what they are learning. Since 1997, we've worked towards education equity by renovating nearly 1,400 spaces in classrooms, libraries, STEAM labs, college/career centers, school gymnasiums, and community centers, and more. We have provided current resources, including over 4.4 million books, and infused over \$14.3 million in technology. <https://www.heartofamerica.org/>

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