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Foundation, Valspar Select 14 for Paint Donations

Little Falls, Minn. (April 16, 2010) – The Initiative Foundation, in partnership with the Minneapolis-based Valspar Corporation, selected 14 community and nonprofit organizations to receive more than 570 gallons of free paint and coatings.

The “Minnesota Beautiful” program awards were based on community need, public benefit, visual impact and volunteer participation.

“This is a great program where Valspar really enables volunteers to help their communities complete quality projects,” said Dan Frank, the Initiative Foundation’s Program Manager for Community Development. “We are grateful for their continued commitment to our communities even during these challenging economic times.”

Congratulations to this year’s colorful award winners!

Audubon Center of the North Woods, Sandstone

Interior and exterior paint for the wildlife barn, Lowry Lodge, Crosby Lodge and Schwyzer Lodge.

Benton County Fairgrounds, Sauk Rapids

Exterior paint for the 4-H lunch stand, Open Class Agricultural and Crafts building and the Heritage building.

Central Minnesota Youth For Christ, St. Cloud

Floor coating to refinish the floor of the Wheels program mechanic shop.

City of Maple Lake

Interior and exterior paint to preserve the community park bathrooms, ball field, grand stand, stadium, concession stand and playground.

CROSS Center of Benton County, Foley

Interior paint for the remodeled food shelf and used clothing distribution center in Foley.

Parmly LifePointes, Chisago City

Interior and exterior paint for the Point Pleasant Heights independent living complex housing the Vitalize Arts Center.

Friends of Linden Hill, Little Falls

Exterior paint for the pavilion and schoolhouse at the Linden Hill Retreat and Conference Center.

Heritage Group North, Inc., Pine River

Interior and exterior paint for the historic Pine River Railway Depot, 1887 wood-sided caboose and a horse-drawn fire engine.

Morrison County Agricultural Society, Little Falls

Exterior paint for the historic 1875 rural school building located on the Morrison County Fairgrounds.

Motley Area Food Shelf, Motley

Interior paint for the Motley Area Food Shelf as it converts to a client-choice facility.

Oasis/Share A Meal, Little Falls

Exterior paint for the Community Paint A Thon for low-income or disabled homeowner-occupied homes in Morrison County.

Sebeka Community Center, Sebeka

Interior and exterior paint for the Sebeka Senior Center as well as benches, planters and picnic tables in the community park.

Todd County Agricultural Society, Long Prairie

Exterior paint for the Prairie building located at the Todd County Fairgrounds.

Based in Little Falls and serving central Minnesota's 14 counties, the Initiative Foundation offers loans to businesses, grants to nonprofits, and a variety of leadership programs that enable citizens to build stronger communities.

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