



The Buffalo City Mission Thrift Store Receives Much-Needed Makeover from Valu Home Centers and Pratt & Lambert Paints

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Buffalo, NY – **March 24, 2017** – Today, the Buffalo City Mission is proud to announce that Valu Home Centers and Pratt & Lambert Paints collaborated to provide cosmetic renovation materials and the volunteers necessary to revamp the Buffalo City Mission Thrift Store. This generous contribution assists in giving the store a much-needed facelift for a pleasant shopping experience for our dedicated customers.

The Buffalo City Mission provides many opportunities to volunteer. Located in Depew, the BCM Thrift Store provides a place for businesses in the area to volunteer; having profound implications on employee engagement in the workplace. The Buffalo City Mission thrift store impacts the lives of low-income families and individuals across WNY by helping to meet their practical needs, while helping people find hidden treasures

they've been searching for. All the proceeds from the store return to the Buffalo City Mission, helping to provide the financial assistance for its programs and services.

"We cannot help those afflicted by poverty and homelessness to rebuild their lives without support from local businesses like Valu Home Centers and Pratt & Lambert Paints who volunteer their time and resources to improve the Thrift Store," said Stuart Harper, CEO and Executive Director of the Buffalo City Mission. Winston Churchill once said, 'You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give.'

"At Valu Home Centers, we are grateful for the opportunity to give back to the communities that have supported us for the last 49 years. Our Valu Crew volunteers are proud to be here lending their time and talent to give the Buffalo City Mission Thrift Store a fresh new look, and to aid in the fight against homelessness and hunger in Western New York. We are very thankful to our longtime vendor partner Pratt & Lambert for their support of this community event, as well as many others throughout our history together," said Doug Wasiura, Vice President of Marketing & Development at Valu.

From Scott Stoberl, Sales Representative at Pratt & Lambert Paints, "For over 150 years, Pratt & Lambert has been proud to support those communities where we live and work. We are humbled by the opportunity to stand alongside Valu Home Centers and the Buffalo City Mission."

To learn how you can volunteer for a day of service with your organization, church, or school at the Buffalo City Mission, please contact the Volunteer Department at 716-854-8181 x408.

About the Buffalo City Mission

The Buffalo City Mission, founded in 1917, is a nonprofit organization that provides preventative, emergency and transitional programs to thousands of people who are homeless and impoverished. The Mission includes a Women and Children's Shelter (Cornerstone Manor); the Men's Community Center; and Dick Road thrift store to serve the Western New York community. For more information, please visit www.buffalocitymission.org or call (716) 854-8181.

About Valu Home Centers

Valu Home Centers is a family-owned chain of retail hardware stores, proudly serving the do-it-yourselfer since 1968. With well-stocked, medium sized stores, sharp pricing and great customer service, Valu has carved-out a niche in the competitive atmosphere of the retail home improvement market. Valu Home Centers is a proud community partner, and believes strongly in giving back to the communities served by their stores through localized donations as well as hands-on involvement and volunteering. For more information, please visit valuhomecenters.com.

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