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Silver Dollar City Foundation's *Care For Kids* Volunteers Complete Huge Painting Project at Hollister Elementary

(Branson, Mo. 1-25-10) The walls at Hollister Elementary School got a fresh coat of paint Saturday, when 150 volunteers with the Silver Dollar City Foundation's *Care For Kids* program gathered to tackle the massive project. The volunteers, armed with paint brushes, rollers and 80 gallons of paint, painted 15,000 square feet, giving a bright, fresh look to the gymnasium, hallways, stairways and restrooms.

It was a project the school had needed for several years, but lacked the funds, timing and the manpower to accomplish, according to Principal Pam Davis. *Care For Kids* provided the paint and supplies, and recruited volunteers, including 110 volunteers from the Silver Dollar City Attractions, plus a team from The Tracks, volunteers from the school and some from area churches. Along with employees, Silver Dollar City co-owners Jack and Peter Herschend and family members participated. To beautify the grounds, Jack Herschend planted 12 tulip poplar trees, donated from his Gift of Green environmental program.

"The students loved it," said Assistant Superintendent Craig Carson. "And this gift from the Silver Dollar City Foundation allows us to stretch the funds we have to cover other priorities."

"It's all about the kids," said Foundation President John Baltes. "Whether it's taking care of physical needs or, as in this case, enhancing the learning environment, we're here to help take care of the kids in our communities."

This is the third school rehab project conducted by the Foundation's *Care For Kids* program, with previous projects at Galena Elementary and the Spokane School.

Care For Kids partners with 14 school districts serving Stone and Taney counties and with area youth ministries to meet the needs of kids, committing more than half a million dollars over five years. The program provides kids in need with items from coats to wheelchairs, addresses the mental and emotional needs of kids through mentoring programs, and provides gifts to kids in need through *Care For Kids Christmas*.

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Krispy Kreme donated doughnuts for the volunteers and Branson businesses donated door prizes.

