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PRESS RELEASE

**August Wilson Center Receives Two Capital Grants Totaling \$200,000**

***Commitment to African American culture demonstrated by  
two Pittsburgh foundations***

**Pittsburgh, PA—August 8, 2008**—The August Wilson Center for African American Culture announces today the receipt of significant donations to its Capital Campaign from the Roy A. Hunt Foundation and PPG Industries Foundation, together totaling \$200,000.

These contributions are in support of the August Wilson Center's \$35.9 million Capital Campaign and will help to fund the development of permanent exhibitions, performances and educational programming in the new facility, which is presently under construction and scheduled to open in spring 2009.

The Roy A. Hunt Foundation gift of \$100,000 will fund the creation of a Street Level Patio next to the café in the new facility. The patio will feature outdoor seating, and may be used as a public or private gathering space for events.

The PPG Industries Foundation gave the Center a \$100,000 grant, part of which will be used to underwrite the Gallery Bridge. As the connector between the Changing Exhibition Gallery and the Donor Lounge, the Gallery Bridge will provide a view of the Community Exhibit Donor Wall and the Center's cityscape below.

"These donations are a tangible demonstration of support for our mission to preserve and share African American culture with regional and national audiences. The Center's Board of Directors and staff are honored and grateful for the generosity of these foundations. Their contributions are critical to a successful opening in 2009," said Neil Barclay, the August Wilson Center's President and CEO.

"We're very pleased to make this donation to the August Wilson Center. We believe the Center will not only positively change the landscape of downtown Pittsburgh, but also improve the quality of life for the citizens in western Pennsylvania and its visitors. We wish them great success with this endeavor," said Sue Sloan, Executive Director of the PPG Industries Foundation.

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"As a family foundation, the Roy A. Hunt Foundation supports organizations that strive to improve the quality of life, especially in communities where trustees reside. The trustees are happy to be able to support this Pittsburgh project, which will greatly enrich this area's cultural offerings," said Beatrice C. Carter, Executive Director of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation.

The August Wilson Center is in the final stages of its Capital Campaign for a \$35.9 million facility under construction in the Cultural District, Downtown. More than a museum, the two-story, 65,000-square-foot, multidisciplinary cultural center will be reflective of all aspects of African American culture and include exhibition galleries, a theater, an education center, a café and gift shop, and multipurpose spaces for community programs and events.

To make a financial contribution to the August Wilson Center, visit [www.AugustWilsonCenter.org](http://www.AugustWilsonCenter.org) or call Tiffany Jimenez, director of major gifts, at 412.258.2700.

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### **About the August Wilson Center for African American Culture**

The August Wilson Center for African American Culture preserves, presents and interprets the art, culture and history of African Americans in western Pennsylvania and people of African descent throughout the world. The Center realizes its mission through an engaging schedule of visual and performing arts presentations as well as historical, educational and public programs.

The Center is involved in a \$35.9 million Capital Campaign to build a new facility located at Liberty Avenue, Tenth Street and William Penn Place in Pittsburgh's Downtown. More than a museum, the multidisciplinary cultural center will be reflective of all aspects of African American culture. Opening in spring 2009, the Center's striking, two-story, green building will house exhibition galleries, a 486-seat theater for performances in all disciplines, an education center, a café and gift shop, and multipurpose spaces for community programs and events.

More information is available on the Center's Web site at [www.AugustWilsonCenter.org](http://www.AugustWilsonCenter.org) and by calling 412.258.2700.

### **About PPG Industries Foundation**

The PPG Industries Foundation seeks to reflect company interests and values by enhancing the quality of life in communities where PPG employees and their families live and work. One of the greatest rewards that a community can reap is to have its strongest institutions combine resources to better serve the residents of the region. The Foundation is striving to build partnerships with organizations that have missions that include prioritizing the development of educational opportunities and ensuring services are accessible to all members of the community. A commitment to education is the common thread between these uniquely collaborative opportunities.

### **About Roy A. Hunt Foundation**

The mission of the Roy A. Hunt Foundation is to support organizations that strive to improve the quality of life. The trustees of this family foundation meet semi-annually to make grants to nonprofit organizations engaged primarily in Arts and Culture, Environment, Health, Human Services, Community Development, and Youth Violence Prevention.