



## Aaron's Reveals Renovated Pittsburgh Boys & Girls Club Teen Center

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ATLANTA, Oct. 24, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Aaron's, Inc. (NYSE: AAN), a lease-to-own retailer specializing in the sales and lease ownership of furniture, consumer electronics, home appliances and accessories, surprised teens with a newly renovated Keystone Teen Center at the Boys & Girls Club of Pittsburgh's Sarah Heinz House on Friday.



Through a partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) and input from the teen members, Aaron's associates and Club officials worked last Wednesday painting, decorating and furnishing a study and lounge area in a multipurpose space at the Club. Last Friday, local Aaron's associates and Club officials unveiled the new space, which is now equipped with new technology, sectionals, tables and chairs, sound systems and fresh coats of paint. Teens chose the special Sherwin-Williams™ paint colors for the rooms: Navel, Direct Green and Jay Blue.

"We're so excited to be kicking off the 2016 school year renovations with the Sarah Heinz House, a landmark after-school teen destination in Pittsburgh," said John Robinson, CEO of Aaron's, Inc. "The Boys & Girls Clubs of America are essential to creating supportive and safe environments for kids in communities across the country and Aaron's is committed to continue empowering teens as we move into our next year of our partnership."

Pittsburgh Mayor William Peduto attended the surprise unveiling and congratulated the teens. "What an exciting space for these teens to learn how to interact with the community and grow as leaders," said Pittsburgh Mayor Peduto. "With public-private partnerships forged by companies like Aaron's, we are together building strong communities for our teens to develop as tomorrow's leaders."

In 2015, the Aaron's Foundation, Inc. announced a three-year, \$5 million national partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Keystone Program, helping teens develop their character and leadership skills in hopes of helping them reach their potential and creating positive change in the community. Keystone Club teen centers provide members ages 14-18 an environment to plan and participate in activities that focus on community service, academic success, career preparation and teen outreach. The Keystone Club makeover at the Boys & Girls Club of Pittsburgh's Sarah Heinz House includes an additional in-kind retail donation valued at \$28,000.

"The Sarah Heinz House focuses on building the character, service and leadership of Pittsburgh kids and teens, and it's clear that Aaron's shares these same values," Dan Turkovich, Teen Director at the Boys & Girls Club of Pittsburgh's Sarah Heinz House. "Thanks to Aaron's, our Teen Center now reflects an environment that is conducive to inspiring admirable leaders in our community who give back now and throughout their lives."

Aaron's partnership with BGCA's Keystone Program inspires teens to "Own It" by taking ownership of their choices to build the lives they deserve. The Aaron's and Keystone Club "Own Your Future" campaign supports three principles:

- **Own Your Path:** No matter where you come from, the future is yours to decide.
- **Own Your Decisions:** Making good choices opens more doors for your future.
- **Own Your Community:** Use your talents to make an impact in your community.

To see photos of the Keystone Club remodel at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Pittsburgh's Sarah Heinz House, visit Aaron's on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/aaronsinc](http://www.facebook.com/aaronsinc)), on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/AaronsInc](http://www.twitter.com/AaronsInc)) and at [www.AaronsGives.com](http://www.AaronsGives.com).

### About Aaron's, Inc.

Headquartered in Atlanta, Aaron's, Inc. (NYSE: AAN) is a leader in the sales and lease ownership and specialty retailing of furniture, consumer electronics, home appliances and accessories, and currently has more than 1,930 Company-operated and franchised stores in 47 states and Canada. Progressive Leasing, a leading virtual lease-to-own company, provides lease-purchase solutions through approximately 16,000 retail locations in 46

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#### **About Boys & Girls Clubs of America**

For more than 100 years, Boys & Girls Clubs of America ([GreatFutures.org](http://GreatFutures.org)) has enabled young people most in need to achieve great futures as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Today, more than 4,100 Clubs serve nearly 4 million young people through Club membership and community outreach. Clubs are located in cities, towns, public housing and on Native lands throughout the country, and serve military families in BGCA-affiliated Youth Centers on U.S. military installations worldwide. They provide a safe place, caring adult mentors, fun and friendship, and high-impact youth development programs on a daily basis during critical non-school hours. Club programs promote academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. In a Harris Survey of alumni, 54 percent said the Club saved their lives. National headquarters are located in Atlanta. Learn more at [www.facebook.com/bgca.clubs](http://www.facebook.com/bgca.clubs) and [https://twitter.com/BGCA\\_Clubs](https://twitter.com/BGCA_Clubs).



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