



**GROWING TO SUSTAIN THE NEXT GENERATION**

The Missouri Recycling  
Association

Presents

*2007 Annual  
Awards Program*

Wednesday, June 6, 2007

6:30 P.M.—8:00 P.M.

# 2007 Annual Awards Program

Thanks to the year's Award Coordinators—Marty McKay & Lee Fox

## **Outstanding Government Leadership— City of Lee's Summit, Mo. Resource Recovery Park**

The City of Lee's Summit Resource Recovery Park started off as the City's landfill. Thanks to City staff, the Recovery Park has become a model landfill waste diversion center over the last ten years.

The park's drop-off recycling center diverts over 600,000 pounds of recycled material and the household hazardous waste facility collects over 74,000 pounds annually. The City has gone beyond regulatory requirements for landfill-banned yard waste to provide services for regional users with equipment investments that turn yard waste into high quality compost and mulch. Lee's Summit also has a clean wood diversion program where customers can drop off clean wood pallets or other light wood construction materials for free. Customers can also drop off certain types of rock which the city crushes and uses for roads. The Resource Recovery Park also partly funds and staffs City electronics recycling events for residents.

## **Outstanding Service Provider— Allied Waste St. Louis, Mo.**

Allied Waste has been a leader in the St. Louis region offering single-stream recycling since March 2005. The company works with 30 contracted municipalities in the St. Louis region.

Allied worked with the City of Ballwin to run a pilot program adding an additional 18-gallon recycle bin at each residence and measuring how it affected recycling volumes. The results showed instant increase with a 66 percent spike in volume over base volumes with a 53 percent continuous volume throughout the following year.

Allied Waste reached a residential curbside recycling milestone in the St. Louis region last year by recycling over 24 million pounds. Their efforts continue to elevate the recycling bar by writing grants for seven cities to begin a program with 65-gallon carts for recycling. This will give 12,000 homes the ability to recycle almost four times more volume than communities using 18 gallon bins.

## **Outstanding Recycling Education Program Dorothy Wunderlin, Joplin School District**

Dorothy Wunderlin began her career with the Joplin School District as an aide at Memorial High School in 1973. After serving 20 years in various support positions, Dorothy retired briefly only to return and begin her "mission" at Refunction Junction by providing a sundry of supplies for Joplin teachers and community organizations.

One of the "best-kept secrets" of Joplin School District, Refunction Junction serves as a clearinghouse for odds and ends that find new creative *refunctions* in school classrooms. As its long-time curator, Dorothy has collected and distributed used office supplies, carpet squares, board games, scratch paper, magazines and candy.

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## **Outstanding Business Recycling— Mid West Quality Gloves**

Mid West Quality Gloves, Inc. began a company-wide recycling program in 2006. With assistance from Chillicothe Municipal Utilities and Hope Haven Sheltered Industries on how to start a recycling program, Mid West Gloves purchased recycling bins and placed them throughout the plant and office for convenient collection of various recyclables.

Mid West Quality Gloves has successfully reduced landfill waste by 74 percent since implementing the recycling program. The company successfully recycles paper, cardboard, all plastic products, metal bands, light bulbs, oil, aluminum cans, bottles and printer ink cartridges. They continue to look for additional ways to reduce landfill waste.

## **Best Use of a Recycled Material— Kansas City Habitat ReStore**

Kansas City Habitat ReStore is a new and used building-material supply center accepting donations of building materials as well as hand-dismantling residential structures. ReStore makes these salvaged materials available for sale to the general public and uses the money raised to support the local Kansas City Habitat For Humanity chapter's mission.

Since opening in 2000, ReStore has diverted over 7,800 tons of material from the landfill and redistributed these goods as home improvements in the Kansas City community. With gross sales over \$4,000,000, hundreds of thousands of dollars have furthered the chapter's mission of building quality homes for low income families.

ReStore's ability to provide these materials at discounted prices gives homeowners an affordable way to maintain their properties—making neighborhoods a better, safer place to live and raise families. Through the reuse of contributed building materials, ReStore is helping to reduce the construction and demolition waste in landfills and in turn conserves natural resources and energy consumption in the manufacturing of new materials.

## **President's Award—Robert J. Mann**

Robert J. Mann is the founding director of Bridging The Gap—a not-for-profit environmental organization working to bring the community, economy, and environment together. Bob believes that the single most important issue of our culture is the 'belief' that we are somehow separate from nature and separate from one another. And, until we begin to understand that we are all connected—a fundamental law of nature, we will continue to live in ways that make the planet unsafe for the survival of our species.

Bob's dedication to bring curbside recycling to Kansas City, Mo., in the early 1990's ignited a passion for the environment citywide. This mission exemplified acting locally and has since created a rippling effect that makes Kansas City a leader in sustainability.

Bob is a founding Board Member and Past President of the Missouri Recycling Association. In addition to being the first chairman of the Kansas City Waste Minimization Commission, he also served on the MARC Solid Waste Management District Executive Board. Bob is a true visionary leader. He is the proud grandfather of six and enjoys running, the outdoors, writing for both business and pleasure, and co-directing the Shadowcliff Retreat Center in Grand Lake, Colo. with his wife, Judith.

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***Marcia Dickinson***  
***Excellence in Recycling***  
**Memorial Fund**

**Marcia Dickinson** was an environmental pioneer in Missouri. She truly lived by the words, "...be the change you wish to see in the world." She lived a simple, sustainable life. Not one of poverty—for she was rich beyond all measure—but one that provided for her basic needs allowing her to dedicate her life to the advancement of teaching others to live in a more harmonious way with the Earth.

During the time that Marcia worked in the Solid Waste Program for U.S. EPA Region 7, she had a great impact on state-level solid waste management legislation. She took many new recyclers under her wing and showed them the best practices in the industry. She would walk them through the stacks of educational materials in the basement of EPA sharing words of wisdom. Those that knew and loved her know that Marcia was always willing to find ways to bring those with the desire to learn to conferences, workshop and seminars where that knowledge was available. She would arrange transportation, find alternative funding and even pay out of her own pocket to help those searching for information and methods supporting sustainable life choices.

The MORA Scholarship Endowment being named in Marcia's honor is completely consistent with what she would desire and a perfect tribute to her memory—a cause to which she would certainly have donated her life savings. This fund will be used to send students to conferences, workshops and other educational opportunities to help further grow the recycling and waste reduction infrastructure in Missouri.

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***Marcia Dickinson Excellence in Recycling***  
***2007 Recipient***

**Katie Grotegut**, a recent graduate of UMKC, is this year's recipient. Katie earned a *Master in Public Administration: Urban Affairs* with an emphasis in Sustainable Development. She recently worked as an intern for the City of Kansas City, Mo.'s Office of Environmental Quality. She was an integral member of the city staff working on the internal recycling program, Mayor Kay Barnes' Global Warming Initiative and the Kansas City Regional By-Product Synergy project.

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