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SUBJECT: Dorothy Wunderlin named "Outstanding Recycling Education Program" Award Winner

Dorothy Wunderlin of Joplin accepted the "Outstanding Recycling Education Program" award at the Missouri Recycling Association annual conference in Kansas City on June 6, 2007.

Wunderlin began her career with the Joplin School District as an aide at Memorial High School in 1973. After serving approximately 20 years in various support positions, Dorothy retired very briefly, then returned to begin her "mission" at ReFunction Junction, which provides supplies and support for Joplin teachers and community organizations.

According to Doug Domer, Joplin RVIII School District Assistant Superintendent in charge of buildings, grounds, and transportation, "One of the "best-kept secrets" of Joplin Schools, ReFunction Junction serves as a clearinghouse for odds and ends that find new creative refunctions in school classrooms. As it's long-time 'curator' Dorothy has collected and distributed used office supplies, carpet squares, board games, scratch paper, magazines, candy, and much more."

Mary Anne Phillips, City of Joplin Recycling Coordinator nominated Dorothy for this annual award.

Phillips stated, "As a member of the MORA board of directors, I see a lot of successful programs from all over Missouri. I knew Dorothy's program would be a strong contender against the other candidates."

The Missouri Recycling Association supports waste reduction and recycling efforts in Missouri by providing information, educational opportunities and technical support in partnership with state, national and regional organizations. MORA provides a forum for sharing information through workshops, meetings and an annual conference. Members cooperate on a regional level to share experiences and encourage market development for recovered materials.

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