

GreenKudos

Keep Waco Beautiful Awards

Keep Waco Beautiful recognized the efforts made by individuals, groups, schools, organizations and businesses to enhance their community and protect the environment in an annual Partners in Pride Award Reception in May.

Custodian of the Year

Henry Lopez, Viking Hills Elementary

Beautification

Best in Category Rev. (Councilman) Wilbert Austin and NeighborWorks Waco, Pastor's Painting Challenge

Recognized The Schwartz Family, Red River Garden Project

Recognized University High School Student Council, Purple & White Garden

Recognized G.L. Wiley Middle School Life Skills Students, Pond Project

Cleanup and Litter Prevention

Best in Category Rapaport Academy, Quinn Campus Restoration

Recognized Bill Louge Juvenile Justice Center Community Service Program

Environmental Education

Best in Category Woodway Elementary second grade, Monarch Butterfly Garden & Monitoring Station Project

Recognized Heart of Texas Master Naturalists, Marsh Madness

Environmental Awareness

Waco Tribune Herald, also received the first place media award from Keep Texas Beautiful in Dallas

Recycling

Baylor University Sustainability Program, Campus Go Green Recycling Initiative

"Go Green" Business Award

Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce

Environmental Achievement Award

City of Waco, Waco Wetlands/Solid Waste Recycling Innovations/Parks & Recreation Education Programs/Water Utilities Storm Drain Program/Landfill's MARS project

Community Volunteer of the Year

McLennan County Master Gardeners

Rising Star Recycling Award

Andrew Guterrez, Crestview Elementary, 6,000 pounds of paper recycled

The Goldie

Gretchen Eichenberg

Sturgis Award

Michael Goldenberg

McMillan Award

Robert Gordon

Business Award

The Restore

City of Waco

Volunteer of the Year Elaine Alexander, MCC Environmental Education Instructor

Public Education Timothy Wenk, The Magic of Recycling

Founders' Award Shirley Blanton

President's Award Robert Gordon

Partners in Education

Atmos Energy

The employees of Atmos Energy are a Partner-in-Education with Crestview Elementary, which successfully recycled more than 120,000 pounds of paper products during their annual paper recycling campaign. Crestview was recognized as the No. 1 campus in Waco ISD for their recycling efforts. Atmos employees made several trips a week to load and transport the paper products to Sun Bright Recycling.

Crestview Elementary participated in a nationwide 2008 spring recycling program that targeted mixed plastic products.

During this campaign, Atmos employees loaded and transported more than 10,000 pounds of recyclables to Sun Bright.

Lift Truck Supply

The Toyota Foundation donated 75 cypress trees to the Robinson Industrial Park through Chamber member Lift Truck Supply.

The trees, made available through the Arbor Day Foundation, were part of a community grant aimed at beautifying industrial parks.

Texas State Technical College Waco

Texas State Technical College Waco is distributing new phone books on a trade-in basis to recycle the outdated phone books.

According to Green Valley Recycling, if all Americans recycled their phone books for a year, it would save 650,000 tons of paper and free up two million cubic yards of landfill space. For every 500 books recycled, 17 to 31 trees are saved as well as 7,000 gallons of water. ■

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