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PRESS RELEASE

NRRA School CLUB's "VT Facilities Staff Recycler of the Year" Award

EPSOM, NH - The School CLUB of Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) is pleased to recognize Stan O'Neil of Lothrop Elementary School in Pittsford, VT with the "2014-2015 VT Facilities Staff Recycler of the Year" Award.

Night Custodian Stan O'Neil was recognized for his support of the G.R.O.W. (Get Rid Of Waste) program at Lothrop Elementary. Stan donates his time before his shift to support recycling activities. As he empties the trash and recycling each day, he gives every classroom a score. At the end of the week he rewards the high scoring class with a "Green Panther" Award. The class with the most points is rewarded with an end-of-the year celebration that is paid for out of funds Stan raises from his recycling collection of foil drink packs. These same funds are used to supply rubber gloves and soap at the recycling station.

Mr. O'Neil spearheaded a collection challenge for plastic shrink-wrap and bags at the school, winning first place and a Trex bench for the school. He created and heads the Environmental Committee meetings. He is a real "Game Changer" for Lothrop Elementary's recycling program.

This award was presented at the NRRA School CLUB's 6th Annual School Recycling Conference and Expo on June 9th at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH. The Conference & Expo was a great opportunity for students, teachers and administrators to network and learn more about school recycling, to expand and increase the efficiency of their programs, to add recycling education to their curricula, exchange ideas, share philosophies, and further promote waste reduction efforts.

Special thanks to NH the Beautiful for sponsoring the School Recycling Conference and for their continued support of school recycling in New Hampshire.

The School Recycling Club (The CLUB) is a program for all schools in New England and is supported by NRRA and NH the Beautiful. For students and teachers in grades K-12, the CLUB serves as a centralized organization to become more active in the world of recycling. The CLUB is a fun and innovative way to give kids encouragement, direction and networking possibilities for school recycling programs. For more information visit www.schoolrecycling.net.

The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) is a proactive, non-profit organization that has worked for over 30 years with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful. For more information visit www.nrra.net.

New Hampshire the Beautiful, Inc. (NHtB) has been a longtime supporter of the NRRA School CLUB and environmental education in NH. NHtB is a private non-profit charitable trust founded in 1983 and supported by the soft drink, malt beverage, and grocery industries of New Hampshire. NHtB offers municipal recycling grants, recycling education grants (over \$2.5 million), recycling signs, anti-litter programs, and technical assistance. NHtB is a unique organization that represents a voluntarily-funded alternative to expensive legislation intended to achieve the same end results. <http://www.nhthebeautiful.org/>



Stan O'Neil of Lothrop Elementary (left) is awarded VT Facilities Staff Recycler of the Year by John Dumais of NH the Beautiful.

2015 School Conference Supporters: NH the Beautiful and Orbis.

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