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PRESS RELEASE

NRRA School CLUB's "Facilities Staff Recycler of the Year" **AWARD ANNOUNCED** **At NRRA Annual Conference in Manchester, NH**

EPSOM, NH - The Northeast Resource Recovery Association (NRRA) is pleased to recognize Paul O'Connell, Bridge Elementary School, Lexington, MA with the "2013-2014 Facilities Staff Recycler of the Year" Award.

In our experience, to have a successful school recycling program having willing participants from each stakeholders group is key and when you have enthusiastic and motivated members it's that much better. Paul O'Connell plays an integral role in Bridge Elementary School's recycling program. With Paul's dedication and support, the program has grown from a one-day-a-week pilot to a full-time recycling program. He sets up the recycling station each morning, making sure it's ready to go for the first lunch period. During lunch, he whisks away the leftover liquids without being asked, cleans the recycling bins he even hauls the organic waste home for his garden. Paul's willingness to do the "dirty work" and his enthusiasm makes it possible for this program to continue and succeed.

His unfaltering dedication and attention to the program make him a very deserving recipient of the 2013-2014 Facilities Staff Recycler of the Year Award.

This award was presented at the NRRA School CLUB's 5th Annual School Recycling Conference and Expo on June 10th at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH. The Conference & Expo was a great opportunity for students, teachers and administrators who are interested in learning more about school recycling, expanding their programs, increasing the efficiency of their current program, adding recycling education to their curricula's, exchange ideas, share philosophies, and further promote waste reduction efforts.

A special thanks to NH the Beautiful for sponsoring the School Recycling Conference and for their continued support of school recycling in New Hampshire. They recently awarded The Club a \$17,500 grant to help expand our school outreach programs.

The School Recycling Club (The Club) is a program for all schools in the Northeast and is supported by NRRA and NHtB. 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.

The NRRA is a proactive, non-profit cooperative working with its membership to make their recycling programs strong, efficient and financially successful. For more information, visit www.nrra.net. For high-resolution pictures, please email info@nrra.net or call (603) 736-4401.



From Left to Right: Ray Dube, NH the Beautiful, Beth Murnaghan, Bridge Elementary School (accepting award for Paul O'Connell) and Scott Schairer, NH the Beautiful

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