



2006 - 2007 Award Winners

The Non-Profit Recycler of the Year *Goodwill Industries Knoxville*

Goodwill Industries Knoxville is a non-profit serving a 15 county service area of East Tennessee. Goodwill Knoxville has been recycling for many years as the contract operator of the drop off recycle centers for the City Of Knoxville and more recently Knox County. Three years ago Goodwill of Knoxville purchased the Materials Recycling Center at Russellville that served Morristown and Hamblen County. At that time they began expanding into more commercial/industrial recycling as well. The Materials Recycling Facility also serves as a training facility for consumers served in job training programs through Tennessee Division of Rehabilitation Services.

Goodwill should be considered for the "Recycler of the year Award" for a number of reasons. I believe the accomplishments from 2006 are more than enough to earn Goodwill the award of "Recycler Of The Year"

This year Goodwill increased the amount of tonnage recycled by almost 16% YTD. That's an increase from 9.4 million pounds last year to a projected 10.9 million pounds for 2006.

Goodwill has added 15 new industrial and commercial recycle accounts and are now serving 60 commercial/industrial customers.

Goodwill has upgraded with replacement of glass crusher and additional equipment added.

They have expanded the commercial/industrial program by adding material handling equipment and an additional truck to serve additional recycle services.

Goodwill assisted Grainger County in establishing their first recycle program with 8 drop off centers to serve the county.

Established a second Materials Recycling Facility at the Grainger County Landfill to service the Grainger County Program

Assisted Walters State Community College in establishing a campus recycle program beginning in September and furnished containers for classrooms in cooperation with Rock-Tenn Recycling

Obtained a grant from TDEC to replace equipment and upgrade programs

Goodwill has also been a big player in assisting with recycling education.

Goodwill assisted Morristown-Hamblen KAB in conducting school coordinator training for teachers.

Furnished in cooperation with Rock-Tenn Recycling, containers for Hamblen County schools for paper recycling

Assisted Morristown-Hamblen KAB in conducting a training seminar on Industrial Waste Auditing for Business and Industry and will be conducting a second session this fall.

Conducts regular school tours of the recycling facility

Assisted Hamblen County in the development of an educational brochure distributed to the 25,000 residences served by the Solid Waste/Recycle trucks.

Among these accomplishments, Goodwill has also conducted several other recycling drives/events

Goodwill conducted 2 computer recycle drives in conjunction with Knoxville/Knox County governments, civic clubs, and 5R Processors.

They are working with Morristown-Hamblen KAB to hold a recycle drive in Morristown.

Worked with Morristown-Hamblen KAB to hold a student recycle drive in the schools

Goodwill has also furnished staff to assist with the yearly event Earth Fest in Knoxville