



2009 - 2010 Award Winners

The Individual Recycler of the Year *Karen Emerson-McPeak*

Over the last 5 years, Karen Emerson has devoted over 1500 hours of service including helping with Shred Days, Hazardous Waste Collections Days, cleanup events, educational opportunities and much more.

In 2008, she was the volunteer coordinator for the Environmental Leader Class. She spent many hours devoted to that one project that has educated many of our future leaders and volunteers for KWB. The class purpose was to educate more Williamson Countians on what they could do to keep our county beautiful, learn more about recycling and reusing.

She also did a presentation during the 6 week event on Living and Shopping Green that changed the way the class members looked at their future purchases and how they used items.

In 2009, she again spearheaded the Environmental Leader class.

She also helped organize the first KWB volunteer appreciation event, which had over 75 core volunteers receiving awards for their contributions. The event was a waste-free event that included a meal with only 1/2 bag of garbage left to trash. Everything else for the event from the plates to the napkins was reusable items.

Karen spearheaded the Living Green Expo. She spent hours upon hours researching green business to invite to Keep Williamson Beautiful's first Living Green Expo of Williamson County and promoting this event. Without her volunteer help the Environmental Class and Living Green Expo would not be a reality goal! You can depend on Karen; she's with you from the start to the finish, helping in so many ways.

She also speaks to groups as requested. Recently she was at the Franklin Lions Club and she has spoken to several churches and other civic groups in the past year. And if you know Karen; she utilizes every opportunity to promote living green and lives by the Keep Williamson Beautiful mission. She recycles, reuses, refurbishes, compost and gardens. She truly sets an example for all to follow.