

Broward County educators recognize Wheelabrator Technologies environmental education program with community involvement award

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POMPANO BEACH, Fla. - May 12, 2009 - The Broward County Partners In Education (PIE) organization presented Wheelabrator Technologies with a 2009 Community Involvement Award to honor the company's 15-year sponsorship of a national middle school environmental education symposium.

PIE is the Broward School District's premier school/business partnership program. President Janna Lhota presented the awards to this year's school-based winning partnerships. Broward School Superintendent James F. Notter praised Wheelabrator and the other award recipients for helping the schools move ahead in a year when "any one issue could have stopped us in our tracks," if it weren't for contributions from parents, community organizations and businesses.

Every year, Wheelabrator hosts approximately 100 students from 10 middle schools around the country for Wheelabrator's national Symposium for Environment and Education. Students travel to Broward County, Florida, for the three-day event where they present projects that focus on a specific environmental or public challenge in their community that they identified and researched over the course of the school year. Students present their projects to a panel of partners from Wheelabrator's client communities, including educators, politicians and local community volunteers.

Broward County's Westglades, Sawgrass Springs and New River middle schools nominated Wheelabrator for the award because of the symposium's positive effect on environmental education.

Wheelabrator sponsors the symposium to promote science education and give students the foundation for making sound environmental decisions for the rest of their lives, said Linda Sapienza, Wheelabrator's director of community relations.

"This program has benefitted hundreds of symposium students and thousands more beyond them," said Sapienza. "Between the hands-on approach and the opportunity to share ideas with other students, it's a unique opportunity for children to see how knowledge and research can turn into public policy on an important issue like the environment."

About Wheelabrator Technologies

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