

Wheelabrator Hosts 18th Annual Symposium for Environment and Education

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SUNRISE, Fla. — April 30, 2012 — Stewards of the environment and advocates for sustainability, 130 members of a rising "green" generation will come forth to share their ideas at the 18th annual Wheelabrator Symposium for Environment and Education on April 30-May 3 in Sunrise, Fla.

Through the symposium, middle-school students representing New England, the mid-Atlantic and Florida commit to a six-month learning project, identifying an environmental challenge in their community and developing a long-term solution. Under the guidance of educators and Wheelabrator employees, students apply lessons learned in the classroom to real-life situations.

"This is the generation that's going to inherit our environmental legacy," said Bill Roberts, vice president of operations at Wheelabrator. "Every year that we sponsor this event feels like a little more we're preparing them to leave the world better than they found it."

Tackling issues such as recycling, sustainable gardening and protecting endangered wildlife, 13 teams will travel to Sunrise for the four days to present their projects and solutions to a panel of educators, government officials and local community volunteers.

"The symposium is a true example of community learning. It's one of the greatest opportunities I've witnessed in the 25 years I've been teaching," said Joann Cantlupe, a teacher at Sawgrass Springs Middle School in Coral Springs, Fla.

"It's an experience that our students will keep talking about for many years to come," said John Hillier, a teacher at Millbury Memorial Jr./Sr. High School in Millbury, Mass.

"Regardless of the economy, Wheelabrator continues to provide us with every resource for an unforgettable, hands-on learning experience," said Stella Shelby, a teacher at Westglades Middle School in Parkland, Fla.

Participating schools each received \$500 in startup funds and will receive a \$1,000 donation from Wheelabrator at the conclusion of the event. In addition, students can later qualify to earn a four-year scholarship through Wheelabrator's partnership with Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn.

The symposium will wrap up with a visit to the Miami Seaquarium and an awards dinner, featuring speaker Fabien Cousteau, third generation ocean explorer and founder of Plant a Fish™.

"It is the job of each of us to pass to the next generation a passion for studying the environment and provide support to them to make a difference to improve the planet," said Cousteau. "I commend Wheelabrator for providing the opportunity to these students to conduct these research projects."

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