

# WHEELABRATOR TECHNOLOGIES HELPS RECYCLING PREVAIL AT LOCAL FASHION SHOW

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## ***Wheelabrator Recognized for Longtime Support of Young At Art Museum***

**DAVIE, Fla. – December 6, 2013** – Wheelabrator Technologies, a worldwide leader in converting everyday household and commercial waste into clean energy, was a proud sponsor of Young At Art Museum's 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycled Fashion Show, Superheroes: Restyled held Nov. 15.

At the event, Young At Art Museum Executive Director/CEO Mindy Shrago presented the company with an award in recognition of its continued commitment to supporting environmental education at the museum. "Wheelabrator Technologies has supported our Recycled Fashion Show for all eight years and we could not be more thankful," said Shrago. "This partnership has allowed Young at Art Museum's fashion show to grow every year, granting us the opportunity to inspire our community to be more environmentally conscious, while demonstrating the importance of art in children's lives."

Held at Young At Art's state-of-the-art LEED-certified museum, the Recycled Fashion Show's theme was born from the museum's national traveling exhibition, *Zap! Pow! Bam! The Superhero: The Golden Age of Comic Books, 1938-1950*. The talented young designers were challenged to bring superheroes new and old to the runway, with the vision of the crusaders using their powers to save the environment and protect society.

Fashions were designed and modeled by local teens, and even included the work of a 6-year-old designer. Couture designs were created from repurposed materials and represented classic superheroes like Superwoman, Jean Grey, Wonder Woman, Spider-Girl and Rogue alongside new crime fighters making their high fashion debut that were conceived from designers' imaginations.

"It was very difficult to choose the winners due to the phenomenal designs and creative use of recycled materials," said Sally Alvarez, Recycled Fashion Show judge and Wheelabrator operations specialist. "These young designers inspired our employees with their visions of how we can all make a positive impact on the environment."

The dresses were fashioned completely out of recycled materials such as juice boxes, chip bags, soda rings, chicken wire, sponges, CDs, fabric softener sheets, cassette tape, air filters and bottle caps.

"As a green energy leader, Wheelabrator was honored to once again support Young At Art's innovative approach of encouraging sustainability and introducing the arts

to our youth,” said Wheelabrator’s Southern Regional Vice President Peter Kendrigan. “Young at Art’s Recycled Fashion Show inspires South Florida residents to seriously consider their impact on the environment and learn how to create a more sustainable future.”

All proceeds from the event benefit the museum’s teen and at-risk youth programs.

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