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BRIGHTENING THE WORLD FOR EARTH DAY

Meridian Waste Announces Winners of Second Annual Earth Day Coloring Contest

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (April 21, 2021) [Meridian Waste](#), an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, announces the winners of the second annual 2021 Earth Day-themed children's coloring contest, "Brightening the World."

The "Brightening the World" coloring contest introduces the concept of Earth Day and how environmental services and proper waste disposal play a significant role in the health and safety of communities throughout the U.S. and the world. The concept of being clean and green is at the forefront of our culture as essential workers, including environmental services workers, keep communities healthy by collecting and following the proper methods of disposing and processing solid wastes and recyclables.

Contest entrants downloaded coloring sheets from the Meridian Waste website and created artwork using any non-electronic medium.

The contest was open to all children across the country within the designated age categories, and there was no requirement to be a customer of Meridian Waste. Entries were submitted from many states, including Florida, Georgia, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

In the age category from five to seven years old, the winner is Siddharth Pradeep of Princeton, N.J., and in the age category from eight to 10 years old, the winner is Lily Behe of Webster, N.Y.

"When we developed the coloring contest in late 2019, we never imagined the experience would be a pandemic activity. And now, two contests later, we have given children a stimulating, creative outlet to look forward to," said Wally Hall, CEO of Meridian Waste. "It's been our pleasure to offer the contest to all children across the United States. This year's winners come from outside of our current operating footprint. However, we believe it is our

responsibility to help educate and inform children about the role everyone has in protecting our environment."

The two young artists' work is displayed at MeridianWaste.com/EarthDayWinners. They both won a grand prize, including a custom Meridian Waste truck plaque to display at home and having their artwork printed on a t-shirt and displayed on the Meridian Waste website.

The contest efforts emphasize Meridian Waste's commitment to a clean and green community by reinforcing the simple joys of children coloring while utilizing technology to save paper and postage with the electronic downloads of the coloring sheets uploading of the artists' submissions.

Image 1 - Artwork from Siddharth Pradeep in the age category from five to seven years old.



Image 2 - Artwork from Lily Behe in the age category from eight to 10 years old.



About Meridian Waste

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy community. The company's core waste business is centered on residential, commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in Northeast Fla., Augusta, Ga., St. Louis, Mo., Raleigh, N.C., Greenville, S.C., Knoxville, Tenn., Blacksburg, Va., Harrisonburg, Va., and Richmond, Va. servicing more than 129,905 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates 11 hauling companies, seven transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), three municipal solid waste landfills, and three C&D landfills in which 907,756 tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.