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BRIGHTENING THE WORLD FOR EARTH DAY

Meridian Waste Announces the Winners of the Third Annual Earth Day Coloring Contest

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Monday, April 25, 2022. [Meridian Waste](#), an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, has chosen the winners of the third annual Earth Day-themed coloring contest, "Brightening the World," for children from five to 10-years of age.

"This is our third year of the contest with the goal to create a greater awareness about our collective responsibility and take care of the Earth," said Meridian Waste CEO Walter "Wally" Hall. "Contest entries were up 44 percent since 2021. We had so many creative and artistic entries that we expanded the prizes to include a first, second, and third place in each age category."

The contest has two age categories for children with specific coloring sheets for age groups from five to seven years and from eight to 10-years of age. The first-place winners will receive a custom garbage truck wall plaque, a tee shirt with their artwork printed on it, a \$25 gift card, and a first-place rosette ribbon. Second and third place winners will receive a tee-shirt with their artwork printed on it, a \$25 gift card, and a rosette ribbon.

Winners Ages Five to Seven:

1. Mason Liller, Roanoke, Va.
2. Sophia Chung, Carlsbad, Calif.
3. Brooklyn Estrela, Raleigh, N.C.

Winners Ages Eight to 10:

1. Brandon Earle, El Cajon, Calif.
2. Freya Nesgari, St. Johns, Fla.
3. Elijah Harris, Jacksonville, Fla.

"Meridian Waste invests in our planet from the daily work provided by our collection teams. They properly dispose of garbage, collect and sort recyclable materials in one of our materials recycling facilities, and through our gas-to-energy partnerships at the company's landfills," Hall said. "We also invest in supporting the communities we serve through public education about proper disposal methods. Meridian Waste hopes to ignite a spark of caring for the environment in young people through this contest."

The winning artwork can be viewed at <https://www.MeridianWaste.com/Earthday>. Meridian Waste will gear up for the next contest in March 2023.

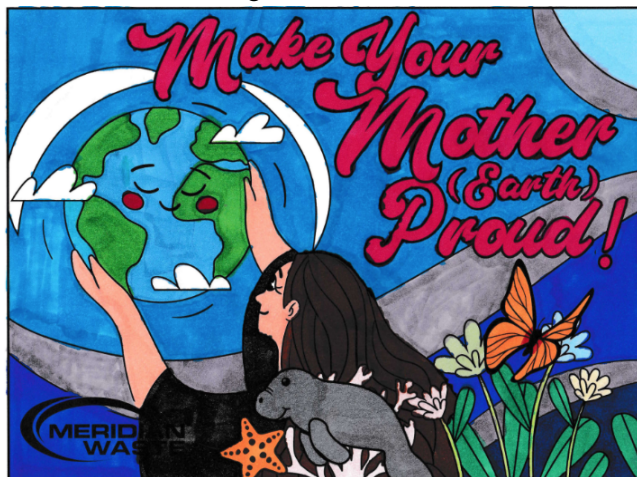
The efforts reinforce Meridian Waste's commitment to supporting the simple joys of coloring while utilizing green efforts as the subject matter of the coloring sheets. For more information, visit <https://www.MeridianWaste.com/Earthday>.

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IMAGE 1 - Winning artwork from Mason Liller, age six, from Roanoke, Va. This was Mason's second year participating in the contest.



IMAGE 2 - Winning artwork from Brandon Earle, age nine, from El Cajon, Calif.



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 solid waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in Northeast Fla., St. Louis, Mo., Raleigh, N.C., Greenville, S.C., Knoxville, Tenn., Blacksburg, Va., Harrisonburg, Va., and Richmond, Va. servicing more than 203,913 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates 12 hauling companies, seven transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), two municipal solid waste landfills, and three C&D landfills in which 936,229 tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.