

MERIDIAN WASTE DELIVERS THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

- Annual Gifting of the Turkeys for Neighbors of Meridian Waste Landfills -

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (November 21, 2022) – <u>Meridian Waste</u>, an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, has kicked off the Thanksgiving festivities through its annual *Gifting of the Turkeys* community initiative. Neighbors who live adjacent to the company's landfills will receive free holiday food provisions throughout the organization's operational footprint.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, turkey pick-up began on Thursday, November 17, at Meridian Waste's Eagle Ridge Landfill in Bowling Green, Mo., with local management hosting tours of the newly built and opened disposal cells. Twenty-five neighbors picked up their turkeys and learned how landfills are designed, built and operated to protect the natural environment. The remaining Eagle Ridge Landfill turkeys and turkeys from the company's other three landfills were delivered during the weekend by team members to local residents. This is the third year for the company-wide philanthropic program, which began in Meridian Waste's Missouri market in 2019. Meridian Waste team members are providing turkeys in the following locations:

- Eagle Ridge Landfill, Bowling Green, Mo.
- Shotwell Construction and Demolition Landfill, Wendell, N.C.
- Riverside Construction and Demolition Landfill, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Lunenburg Landfill, Lunenburg, Va.

"Gifting of the Turkeys is our way of saying thank you to residents for their commitment to a clean and healthy environment. We also extend great appreciation to our facilities' host communities for their support of the vital disposal services we provide throughout the year," said CEO Walter "Wally" Hall.

In the four U.S. states which serve as home to Meridian Waste landfills, more than 100 packaged turkeys, ready for cooking, were delivered to neighbors while equaling more than 1,400 lbs. of the holiday favorite. Recipients received a postcard in November about the gifts of turkeys for planning holiday meals. For more information about Meridian Waste, visit the website at MeridianWaste.com.

Photo 1: Meridian Waste Virginia Lunenburg Landfill's Karen Streat is pictured delivering a turkey to Lunenburg County resident and landfill neighbor Alice Maddux.



Photo 2: Laura Shellhorse, neighbor to the Meridian Waste Eagle Ridge Landfill in Bowling Green, Mo., poses with her gifted turkey.



Photo 3: Thanksgiving turkey wrapped and ready to be delivered to the neighbors of Meridian Waste landfills.



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., St. Louis, Mo., Goldston, N.C., Raleigh, N.C., Greenville, S.C., Knoxville, Tenn., Blacksburg, Va., Harrisonburg, Va., and Richmond, Va., servicing more than 205,796 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates 13 hauling companies, six transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), two municipal solid waste landfills, and three C&D landfills in which 812,524 tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.