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MERIDIAN WASTE HELPS TO PROVIDE VITAL RESOURCES FOR PETERSBURG AREA RESIDENTS

PETERSBURG, Va. (May 14, 2020) – Meridian Waste Virginia (formerly Container First Services), an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, has made a \$5000 donation to assist with maintaining water connectivity for the City of Petersburg residents in peril.

The Mayor and City Council of Petersburg started the Utility Assistance Fund (UAF) in which Meridian Waste Virginia donated \$5000 to help residents negatively financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to keep their water services running in their homes.

"We believe in clean and healthy communities and hope that our financial contributions in these unprecedented times show that we stand behind our communities," said Meridian Waste Virginia Area President Nathan Geldner. "Water is a basic necessity, and we are humbled to be able to provide this vital resource along with quality solid waste collection services for Petersburg residents."

Last week, Meridian Waste Virginia donated \$4,000 to The Dance Life Company, LLC. Dance Life focuses on providing dance instruction and a creative outlet for young women, the vast majority of whom are minorities from low-income neighborhoods.

Donation checks to the UAF were presented during a press conference by the Petersburg Mayor's Office. Meridian Waste Virginia was represented by Nathan Geldner and Tim Webb.



Photo: *Top Left to Right:* Social Services Director Norris Stevens, Assistant City Manager Darnetta Tyus, and City Manager Aretha Ferrell-Benavides. *Bottom Left to Right:* Tim Webb of Meridian Waste Virginia, Mayor Sam Parham, Councilman W. Howard Myers, Nathan Geldner Area President of Meridian Waste Virginia, Councilwoman Annette Smith-Lee, and Councilman Darrin Hill

CFS has been a part of Meridian Waste for three years and as of May 11, 2020, began to transition branding entirely as Meridian Waste. While the logo will change to represent the parent company with red, white and blue, the core team members will remain in place serving their communities, caring for their customers, and greeting children on garbage day. All communication avenues such as email, phone, and website will remain the same for easy access for customers.

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 St. Louis, Mo., Richmond, Va., Blacksburg, Va., Augusta, Ga., Northeast Fla., Knoxville, Tenn., and Raleigh, N.C., servicing more than 94,532 residential, commercial, industrial and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates five transfer stations, three recycling facilities, three municipal solid waste landfills and three C&D landfills in which 810,325 tons of waste are safely disposed annually. For more information, visit [MeridianWaste.com](https://www.MeridianWaste.com).