



## Brightening the World!

### Meridian Waste Announces Its 4th Annual Children's Earth Day Coloring Contest Winners

Charlotte, N.C. (April 22, 2023) – [Meridian Waste](#), an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, celebrates Earth Day with the announcement of its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Brightening the World Children's Coloring Contest winners. The online contest took place over the last 50 days nationwide with 162 entries received. Three winners were placed in each age category of 5-7 and 8-10 years of age.

The winners for the 5-7 Age Category are:

1. Weston I. from San Antonio, TX
2. Harshitha K. from Fremont, CA
3. Ruthie H. from Eureka, MO

The winners for the 8-10 Age Category are:

1. Max P. from St. Louis, MO
2. Avisha M. from Apex, NC
3. Ansley P. from Jacksonville, FL

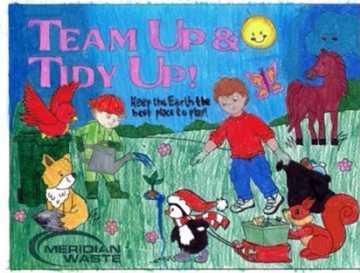
"I congratulate our young winners for this year's Earth Day Coloring Contest and applaud all our contestants for such exciting coloring pages, creativity and their commitment to a clean and healthy environment," said Walter "Wally" Hall, Meridian Waste's CEO. "I look forward to participating on the final evaluation committee each year but have to admit that it's not an easy task. So many of the submissions include innovative approaches to creating unique artworks. It's always inspiring to be a part of this process and see how our young people care for creating a beautiful environment."

Earth Day is a day that was created to promote awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment and occurs each year on April 22. By keeping the environment clean and green through proper waste management, everyone can do his or her part for the planet.

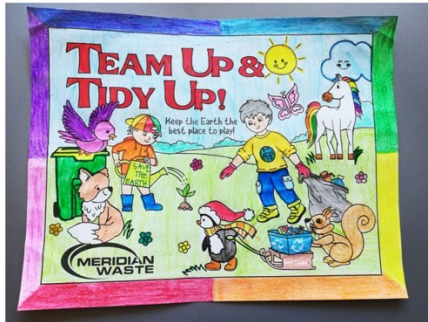
Winners will receive a rosette ribbon, a t-shirt imprinted with his or her personal winning artwork and the first-place winner will receive a garbage truck plaque engraved with his name, 1<sup>st</sup> place and Brightening the World / Meridian Waste branding. The three winners' artwork can be viewed at [www.MeridanWaste.com/EarthDay](http://www.MeridanWaste.com/EarthDay).

The 2024 Brightening the World Children's Coloring Contest will open again online on March 1, 2024.

1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Weston I  
5-7 Years



2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Harshitha K  
5-7 Years



3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Ruthie H  
5-7 Years



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Age Category 8-10 Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place  
Max P  
8 – 10 Years



2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Avisha M  
8-10 Years



3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Ansley P  
8-10 Years



### 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., Goldston, NC, 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 13 hauling companies, eight 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](http://MeridianWaste.com).

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