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2014 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

\$10,000 IN HONORARIUMS TO BE AWARDED

Region-Wide Search Spearheaded by Wawa, 6abc and Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP

Philadelphia, PA (January 23, 2014) – The Ninth Annual Environmental Community Service Award, presented by Wawa and the environmental law firm Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF), has gotten more support with the addition of new partner, 6abc, the #1 local news brand in the tri-state area. The goal of the Environmental Community Service Award is to recognize schools (6th grade or higher) for their outstanding programs that enhance and improve the quality of life in their communities as well as raise awareness of environmental concerns. Understanding the importance of encouraging schools to institute environmental programs, new media partner 6abc will help increase awareness of the award with their audiences throughout the Delaware Valley.

Each year two schools receive a \$5,000 honorarium to further their environmental programs. The applications for this year's Environmental Community Service Award are available online at www.wawa.com/WawaWeb/PressReleases.aspx, 6abc.com/1cCyWK6, and www.mankogold.com/about-community.html. All applications must be signed by a school official and submitted by Monday, March 10, 2014. Surprise presentations will be made at the winning schools prior to April 22, which is Earth Day 2014.

Since the program's inception, sixteen schools in the tri-state area have been recognized for their outstanding programs. Last year, two suburban schools were recognized. From Doylestown, PA Central Bucks High School West's winning program was its Life Skills Support Class and Abington High School's won honors for their H2O for Life Club.

Robb Fox, managing partner of Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP and one of the advocates for the award, is proud of the programs they have recognized. "It's great to see these programs not only help the schools, but have such a positive impact on the community. We are always impressed by the work being done by the students and faculty."

In prior years, the winner schools have been Williamstown Middle School in Williamstown, NJ, Hatboro-Horsham High School in Horsham, PA, Charles F. Patton Middle School in Kennett Square, PA; Father Judge and Lincoln High Schools in Philadelphia; Epiphany of Our Lord School in Plymouth Meeting, PA; Interboro High School in Prospect Park, PA; St. Francis Xavier School in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia; Cedarbrook Middle School in Wyncote; Gateway Regional High School in Woodbury Heights, NJ; W.B. Saul High School of Agricultural Sciences, Philadelphia.; Sadie Tanner Mossell

Alexander University of Pennsylvania Partnership School in West Phila; Friends Central Middle School in Merion, PA; and Camden High School in Camden, N.J.

The individuals who judge the programs are all experts in the field of the environment and science. They are representatives from The Franklin Institute, the Academy of Natural Sciences, the Fairmount Water Works Interpretive Center, Pennsylvania and New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection, and Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control along with someone representing each sponsor -- Wawa, 6abc, and MGKF.

The Environmental Community Service Award application is available to download at these links.

- Wawa – www.wawa.com/WawaWeb/PressReleases.aspx
- 6abc – 6abc.com/1cCyWK6
- Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP – www.mankogold.com/about-community.html

It can be sent electronically but it must be signed by a school official and sent from an official school e-mail address. Electronic applications are accepted at environmentalaward@mankogold.com or a hardcopy can be sent by mail to MGKF, Attn: Environmental Award, 401 City Avenue, Ste. 901, Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. For general information, contact Sharla Feldscher Public Relations, 215-627-0801, #103.

About Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP:

Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP concentrates its practice in environmental, energy, and land use law and litigation and celebrates its 25th anniversary this year. It represents clients ranging from Fortune 100 corporations to small, privately held enterprises, both in the Mid-Atlantic Region and on a national basis. Their commitment to education is manifested in the lawyers' participation in environmental programs outside the office. *MGKF is honored to be the top-rated law firm, since 2011, in the Top Workplaces surveys by the Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com.*

About Wawa, Inc.:

Wawa, Inc., a privately held company, traces its roots back to 1803 as an iron foundry in New Jersey. Owner George Wood started a dairy processing plant in Wawa, PA, in 1902. The milk business was a success, due to its quality, cleanliness and "certified" process. In 1964, George's grandson Grahame Wood opened the first Wawa Food Market in Folsom, PA. Today the company operates more than 600 stores in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Florida. Wawa is known for its branded products including award-winning coffee and freshly prepared hoagies. Wawa consistently ranks among Forbes' top 100 privately held companies. "Wawa" is the Lenni-Lenape Indian word for flying goose.

About 6abc:

6abc Action News is the #1 local news brand in the tri-state, and the undisputed news leader for the past 35 years. 6abc.com, the official website of Action News, is also the #1 local TV news website in the market. WPVI-TV is the ABC-owned station serving the Delaware and Lehigh Valleys.

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