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CELEBRATING EIGHT YEARS OF RECOGNIZING OUTSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE DELAWARE VALLEY ...

2013 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

\$10,000 IN HONORARIUMS TO BE AWARDED

**Region-Wide Search Spearheaded by
Wawa, NBC 10 and Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP**

Philadelphia, PA (January 7, 2013) – Now in its eighth year, the Annual Environmental Community Service Award will once again be presented by Wawa, NBC 10, and the environmental law firm Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP (MGKF). The goal of the Environmental Community Service award is to raise awareness of environmental concerns and to recognize schools (6th grade or higher) in the Delaware Valley for their efforts in environmental service projects that enhance and improve the quality of life in their communities.

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, www.nbc10.com and www.mgkflaw.com. All applications must be signed by a school official and submitted by Monday, March 4, 2013. Surprise presentations will be made at the winning schools prior to April 22, which is Earth Day 2013.

Since the program's inception, more than a dozen schools in the tri-state area have been recognized for their outstanding programs. Last year, two suburban schools were recognized. The Williamstown Middle School's (Williamstown, NJ) winning program for its Community of Caring Gardens and the Hatboro-Horsham High School for their outdoor classroom called the Jarrett Nature Center (JNC).

In prior years, the awarded programs were just as interesting. The winner schools have been 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 Phil; Friends Central Middle School in Merion, PA; and Camden High School in Camden, N.J.

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.”

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, NBC 10, and MGKF.

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

- Wawa - <http://www.wawa.com/WawaWeb/PressReleases.aspx>
- NBC 10 - <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/Environmental-Community-Service-Award.html>
- Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP – http://www.mgkflaw.com/MGKFInTheNews2013/Environmental_Community_Service_Award.pdf

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 mgkflaw@mgkflaw.com or a hardcopy can be sent by mail to MGKF, Attn: Environmental Award, 401 City Avenue, Ste. 500,

Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004. For general information, contact Sharla Feldscher Public Relations, 215-627-0801, #103.

Manko, Gold, Katcher & Fox, LLP concentrates its practice in environmental, energy, and land use law and litigation. 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 was honored to be the top-rated law firm in the *Top Workplaces 2012* and *2011* surveys by the Philadelphia Inquirer, Daily News and Philly.com.

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.

NBC 10, one of 10 owned and operated NBC television stations, is located in Bala Cynwyd, Pa., a suburb of Philadelphia. Millions of viewers throughout Greater Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, South Jersey and Delaware tune into NBC 10 every day for the most up-to-date news, weather, sports, consumer, health and traffic reports. Viewers also tune in daily to watch the "The 10! Show" show, an upbeat, one-hour lifestyle and entertainment show featuring local, national and internationally known celebrities. The program airs live Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m. Recognized as the number one website (www.nbc10.com) in the top 50 markets, NBC10.com received the prestigious National Edward R. Murrow Award.

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