
Good News Department

Recycling Efforts Benefit Environment And Local Communities

(NAPSA)—Schools, churches and other nonprofit community organizations now have a chance to better the environment and earn money while doing so.

Recycling is an important part of preserving our natural resources, and many community organizations strive to do their part to better the environment. Paper Retriever, a community-based paper-recycling program, offers partners rewards for doing their part.

The simple paper-recycling program directly benefits the community as well as the environment. With more than 18,000 recycling bin locations in 23 major metropolitan areas across the U.S., community members simply have to donate their paper to raise funds.

By placing distinctive green and yellow bins in highly visible areas, local nonprofits are paid for the recyclable paper collected and start receiving payments from the first ton of paper collected. The amount of money the organizations can raise through the Paper Retriever program is limited only by the amount of paper recycled through the bin.

The funds can then be used for playground refurbishing, beautification efforts, library enhancements, scholarships, field and mission trips, team uniforms and other worthwhile projects.

Last year, materials recycled through the program generated more than \$3.8 million for over 15,000 nonprofit organizations across the United States.



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Not only does the Paper Retriever program help nonprofit community organizations, but it also benefits the environment.

Eighty percent of the paper placed in the program's recycling bins is remanufactured into newsprint within a few weeks of collection. Through the program, about 450,000 tons of paper were recycled in 2009, saving 1.3 million cubic yards of landfill space.

Every ton of paper diverted from landfills saves 4,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity, 7,000 gallons of water and almost 400 gallons of oil.

For more information, visit www.paperretriever.com.