



IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Event: Celebration of America Recycles Day

Time: Noon

Date: Tuesday November 15th, 2011

Location: Vigo Co. Public Library Lobby

Address: 1 Library Square, Terre Haute, IN 47807-3609

(On the corner of 7th and Poplar)

Video or Pictures:

TV Stations can roll B-roll from last year's Recycling Summit and cut in new video from the award ceremony.

Newspapers will also have full access to shoot photographs of those being presented awards.

Why:

Last October the first West Central Indiana Recycling Summit was held at Rose Hulman Institute of Technology and was proudly sponsored by TREES Inc. Dozens of companies from around Indiana attended the summit. After the summit TREES Inc. contacted attendees and asked them what they learned from the summit and what changes they have made at home or in their work place due to the summit. Shortly after, handfuls of responses started to roll in.

On Tuesday, November 15th, 2011 also known as America Recycles Day TREES Inc. will be honoring three companies who went above and beyond the means of recycling. The three companies chosen are:

The Putnamville Correctional Facility

Attending:

Stan Knight; Superintendent

Mr. Kevin Orme; IDOC Director of Construction Services

Mr. Mike Callahan; Physical Plant Director for Putnamville CF

Last October the Putnamville Correctional Facility established a much wider scope of their recycling efforts. They began an initiative to empower their offender population to recycle by starting an apprenticeship program (DOL sponsored) for those offenders directly employed by the Compost/Recycle Program. They also made a concentrated effort to educate/train the entire offender population as to the benefits of recycling. In November of 2010 they began to reach out to staff by encouraging them to take advantage of using the prison for their recycling center. Their ultimate goal is to produce zero waste for the landfills. Some of their efforts are being focused on requiring vendors to package their products in recyclable materials.

Union Hospital

Attending:

Kristi Whitacre; Public Relations Manger

Amy Ennen; Purchasing Manager and Green Team Coordinator

Charlie Ladd; Housekeeping Manager

Union Hospital has consistently set the bar in encouraging local hospitals to go and stay green. A few years ago Union Hospital purchased the Ozanator, a machine that safely disposes of medical waste in an environmentally friendly way. They have also established a Green Team which helps organize a massive Earth Day Celebration held every year at Union Hospital. Plus they have adopted a hospital wide recycling program.

UAP Clinic

Attending:

Pam Smith; Director, Clinical Operations

Jack Robinson, Environmental Services Manager

One can sum up the big difference UAP has made in one sentence but the magnitude of their project will continue to grow in the years to come. "The UAP clinic did not recycle until after a few of their employees attended the summit."