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**CONNECTICUT'S RECYCLING LEADER**



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## **FCR Supports the Garbage Museum with a \$10,000 Gift**

STRATFORD, Conn. – FCR Inc., a subsidiary of Casella Waste Systems, Inc., has donated \$10,000 to the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority Garbage Museum to support its recycling and environmental education programs.



“FCR has had a long and positive partnership with CRRA, and I’ve seen the Garbage Museum’s terrific education programs,” said Sean Duffy, vice president of FCR. “Recycling is our business, but it’s also essential to protecting our environment, and no one promotes recycling more effectively than the Garbage Museum. To us, helping these programs continue and grow makes sense for a host of reasons.”

Earlier this year, the Garbage Museum began an intensive fund-raising drive. The Garbage Museum had been funded by the sale of recyclables delivered to the recycling center. Unfortunately, the collapse of the commodity pricing due to the global economic downturn severely reduced the commodity revenues available to fund operations of the education facility.

Since opening in 1993, more than 300,000 people have participated in the Garbage Museum’s educational programs. In 2002, the Garbage Museum and its sister facility, the Trash Museum in Hartford, earned the National Recycling Coalition’s Beth Brown Boettner Award for Outstanding Public Education. Their programs teach people to protect their environment by recycling and thinking before throwing something in the trash.

FCR’s commitment to recycling education isn’t limited to Connecticut. Of the 23 recycling facilities it operates throughout the United States, many are outfitted with education centers. While safely processing more than 1 million tons per year is the company’s top priority, more than 800,000 students, civic groups and interested citizens participated in the company’s education programs and facility tours. FCR operates CRRA’s regional recycling facilities in Hartford and Stratford. The Stratford facility is adjacent to the Garbage Museum, which includes a skybox overlooking the recycling processing areas.

“FCR is devoted to furthering environmental and recycling education because we know that each day there are hundreds of thousands of people that need to make the decision to recycle instead of dispose of waste in order for us to play our part in supporting a more sustainable world,” Duffy said. “Over the years, we have found that there is nothing more powerful in getting people to make the right decisions each day than seeing the recycling process in action. We look forward to finding even more ways to leverage the great facility at Stratford over the years to get even more people involved in environmental education.”

The Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority is a quasi-public agency whose mission is to work for – and in – the best interests of the municipalities of the state of Connecticut. CRRA develops and implements environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA serves 110 Connecticut cities and towns. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling educational programs through the [Trash Museum](#) in Hartford and [Garbage Museum](#) in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>. Computer users can also discuss CRRA at its blog, <http://crra-blog.blogspot.com>.