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## **Norwalk 4th Grader Katie Eckert Wins Garbage Museum Recycling Flyer Contest**

**Stratford Student Emily Robertson Takes Second Place in CRRA Competition**

STRATFORD, Conn. – Katie Eckert, a Grade 4 student from Side By Side Community School in Norwalk, took first place in a recycling flyer contest sponsored by the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority Garbage Museum and the Southwest Regional Recycling Operating Committee.

Capturing second place was Emily Robertson of St. Mark School in Stratford.

The winning flyers illustrate the benefits of recycling mixed paper using poetry, colorful drawings and important messages concerning recycling all types of paper. The flyers will be reproduced and used by the Garbage Museum to promote residential and school paper recycling.

The winners each received a Borders gift certificate, recognition certificate and an assortment of school supplies made from recycled materials at the awards presentation at the Garbage Museum April 13. Both artists said they are avid recyclers and they were inspired by the importance and benefits of recycling, having researched the topic using Web sites.

“The winning flyers are on display at the museum and we hope they will assist us in spreading the word about recycling junk mail and lots of other kinds of mixed paper,” said Sotoria Montanari, CRRA education supervisor.

The CRRA Garbage Museum, located at 1410 Honeyspot Road Extension, features Trash-o-Saurus, a one-ton dinosaur made from salvaged items. For more information or directions, contact (203)381-9571 or go to <http://www.crra.org> and click on “Education Centers.”

CRRA 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’s new board of directors and new management team develop and implement environmentally sound solutions and best practices for solid waste disposal and recycling management on behalf of municipalities. CRRA also runs environmental and recycling education programs through its Trash Museum in Hartford and Garbage Museum in Stratford. For more information about CRRA and its activities, visit <http://www.crra.org>.

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Caption for photograph “CRRA Garbage Museum Flyer Contest Winners 4-13-2007”:

**The CRRA Garbage Museum honored the winners of its mixed paper recycling flyer contest on April 13. From left, Melanie Jobbagy, Grade 4 teacher at Side By Side Community School in Norwalk with her pupil, first-place winner Katie Eckert, and second-place winner Emily Robertson of St. Mark School in Stratford with her teacher, Janet Rodriguez.**