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CRRA Education Programs Top 53,000 Participants in 2007

Trash Museum, Garbage Museum See Record Numbers for Second Straight Year

For the second year in a row participation in the Connecticut Resources Recovery Authority's education programs set a new record. Programs offered by the Trash Museum in Hartford and Garbage Museum in Stratford drew 53,844 participants, the greatest number since they opened in 1993.

CRRA's Trash Museum served 22,670 participants and the CRRA Garbage Museum served 31,174, a combined increase of 3,687 or 7 percent over the previous year's total. "Our educators offer wonderful programs that appeal to a wide array of audiences and the numbers show that," said Education Supervisor Sotoria Montanari. "We are fortunate to have many of the same schools visit each year."

Students, families, scout troops and community groups participated in CRRA programs both at the museum locations and outreach events. In addition to offering programs at the museums, CRRA educators are at popular events such as the CPTV Family Science Expo and the Eastern States Exposition.

CRRA programs teach people about recycling and environmentally responsible trash disposal, explaining how CRRA uses these methods to protect our air, land, water and health. Visitors to the museums watch the step-by-step recycling process and are encouraged to recycle at home.

The Trash Museum, 211 Murphy Road in Hartford, features the Temple of Trash, a sculpture made from reclaimed garbage. For more information, call (860) 757-7765. The Garbage Museum, 1410 Honeyspot Road Extension in Stratford, features Trash-o-saurus, a one-ton dinosaur made from salvaged items. For more information call (203) 381-9571. To find out more about both centers, go to <http://www.crra.org> and click on "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'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>.

**Editors: Photograph and caption accompany this release. Caption is on next page,
photograph is attached to e-mail.**



Caption for photograph “CRRA Education Centers Banner Year 1-2008”:

Maisy and Chloe Lang of Branford used recycled materials to make these fun crafts at the CRRA Garbage Museum in Stratford to mark the New Year. The sisters visited the Garbage Museum during the December school vacation.