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RECYCLE UTAH NAMES RECYCLERS OF THE YEAR

PARK CITY, UTAH – Recycle Utah announced the winners of its prestigious *Recycler of the Year Awards* at the community recycling center’s annual meeting and awards party on Tuesday, November 18th.

Anaya’s Market won *Recycler of the Year* in the business category, the Park City Fire District won *Recycler of the Year in the City category* and David Allgood, Hazmat Coordinator for the Summit County Landfill won *Recycler of the Year in the County category*.

Gildardo Anaya, owner of Anaya’s Market was surprised to win the award saying that: “We recycle all of our cardboard. It saves money on garbage fees. We take more than a pick up truck load every day.”

“This effort makes fiscal sense and goes a long way to show the commitment of the Hispanic market in the neighborhood to keeping recyclables out of our landfill,” said Insa Riepen, Executive Director of Recycle Utah.

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Recycle Utah is the only center in Utah that collects and recycles child car seats. The Park City Fire District helped to dismantle more than 200 car seats since the inception of the program in 2008. Battalion Chief Steve Zwirn is always willing to bring a crew of fire fighters to dis-assemble piles of car seats. Zwirn accepted the City Recycler of the Year award for the Park City Fire District.

“It doesn’t take us any time at all to demolish the car seats,” said Zwirn. “All of us at the Fire District are happy to assist in any programs that encourage safety first and help clean up the environment.”

The Recycler of the Year award also goes to an individual who has exhibited truly admirable devotion to sustainable practices. Recycle Utah honored David Allgood for his tireless work improving the Hazardous Waste Collection Program at the Summit County landfill.

“David Allgood has been instrumental in making the partnership between the landfill and Recycle Utah successful,” said Shannon Beglin, Operations Manager at Recycle Utah.

Saving the best for last, Recycle Utah’s *Educator of the Year* was awarded to two teachers. Jamie Duis, science teacher at TMIMS in Park City was recognized for organizing field trips to Recycle Utah’s center for all of her classes. The students walked along Kearns Blvd. to pick up trash along the way. Lori O’Connor, Principal at the North Summit Elementary School in Coalville was recognized for her work with the Recycle Utah educators who present at all elementary schools. Ms. O’Connor and her staff also made it

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possible for all Coalville 4th graders to attend the Water Festival in April. We appreciate working with all educators on environmental issues.

Recycle Utah elected three new members for three-year terms to its Board of Directors. Peter Wright, Park City, is a regular volunteer at the Center's RE-Store and will serve as the organization's Treasurer.

Jayceen Craven Walker, Coalville, is a government relations and advocacy associate with Pathway Associates and has been a legislative lobbyist for over 19 years.

Alex Butwinski, Park City, was recently elected to the Park City Council. Alex brings with him the experience of twenty years of improving customer service for a variety of companies.

Recycle Utah appreciates its volunteer Board of Directors led by Board Chair Jeramy Lund, Vice Chair Christie Babalis and Secretary Marc Estabrook.

For more information on these and other awards contact Recycle Utah at 649-9698.

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