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Keep DeKalb Beautiful Recognized at 2016 Keep America Beautiful National Awards Ceremony

Litter index, beautification and recycling initiatives benefit DeKalb communities

DECATUR, Ga. – Keep DeKalb Beautiful (KDB), the community outreach unit of the DeKalb County Sanitation Division was recently recognized with the **2016 Keep America Beautiful Affiliate of Excellence Award**. The annual Keep America Beautiful National Awards ceremony was held during the 2016 Keep America Beautiful National Conference in Orlando.

KDB was honored for distinguishing itself as an exemplary affiliate organization in the “250,000 and above” population category, and for its outstanding litter index and single-stream recycling programs, various beautification initiatives, and other community improvement programs.

“KDB has done a remarkable job engaging innovative ideas and proven strategies to help combat littering, improve recycling participation and beautify our communities,” said DeKalb County Sanitation Division Associate Director Billy Malone. “As we continue to advance our environmental stewardship efforts, we look forward to continued collaborations with community organizations and groups sharing this common purpose.”

The 2016 Keep America Beautiful Affiliate Awards were open to Keep America Beautiful’s community-based affiliates aimed at making a difference in their communities. Program activities during the 12-month period from July 1, 2014 through June 20, 2015 qualified for consideration for this award. This annual award celebrates some of the nation’s most dedicated community leaders.

“It’s my privilege to recognize Keep DeKalb Beautiful and Kimberly White for such valuable, mission-based work that helps keep their community more socially connected, environmentally healthy and economically sound,” said Keep America Beautiful President and CEO Jennifer Jehn.

Established in 1953, Keep America Beautiful comprises a national network of more than 600 statewide and community-based affiliates, with programs and initiatives supported by millions of volunteers seeking to improve and beautify their communities.

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