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# Media Release

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### **RAIN OR SHINE: RECYCLING ROADSHOW GOES ON!**

GONZALES, LOUISIANA, JANUARY 12, 2009: Cloudy skies and sporadic downpours could not dampen the interest Ascension Parish residents have for participating in the Recycling Roadshow held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at the Prairieville Wal-Mart. This past Saturday's Roadshow saw over 175 cars and 3.26 tons of recycling processed by The Recycling Foundation's truck. Volunteers from the Central Elementary Science and Just Say No Clubs were prepared to work wearing slickers and using umbrellas as they unloaded vehicles. Several Science Club members took the initiative in creating roadside advertisement of the event. With one sign reading "Honk if you love the Earth" receiving enthusiastic responses from many Wal-Mart visitors.

"Each month the word spreads and participation increases," said Ann Shaneyfelt an organizing volunteer with Keep Ascension Beautiful. Councilman Chris Loar was also on hand helping unload vehicles and wanted to reassure residents that the Roadshow would happen regardless of weather, "the way we've organized the Roadshow, most residents need only pull up and open their trunk or hatch and we'll unload for them, no matter the weather."

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Ami Johnson, Public Information Officer for Ascension Parish Government would like to remind everyone they can log on to the Parish Government Website at [www.ascensionparish.net](http://www.ascensionparish.net) and visit the Public Information Officer's website and select the link to *Environmental Info & Events* for more information about Ascension Parish Government programs and upcoming events.

The Recycling Roadshow is a joint project between Keep Ascension Beautiful and Ascension Parish Government. The Roadshow is sponsored by Keep Ascension Beautiful, Ascension Parish Government, The Recycling Foundation, Inc, Wal-Mart, Keep America Beautiful and Keep Louisiana Beautiful.

**List of Volunteers/ Participants:**

Ascension Parish Councilman, *Chris Loar*

*Ann Shaneyfelt*, Keep Ascension Beautiful Organizing Volunteer

Central Elementary Science Club & Just Say No Club

*Karen Tramonte and Rebecca Johnson*, Sponsors

*Loren Babin, Catherine Duboc, Ashley White, Morgan Higginbotham, Taylor Mangus, David*

*Janis, Blaire Laiche, Cameron Roig, Ashlynn Parks, Abby Gautreau, and Ashlyn Parks*

Parent Volunteers: *Polly Winter, Nancy Roig, Ronald Doofe, Brian Janis,*

*Noelle Graham*, Teacher Volunteer

*Charles Doofe*, Dutchtown ROTC

Picture(s) Attached:



**Back Row**

1. David Janis
2. Rebecca Johnson—Science Club Sponsor
3. Karen Tramonte—Science Club Sponsor
4. Ann Shaneyfelt, KAB Organizing Volunteer
5. Charles Roote—Dutchtown ROTC volunteer
6. Jeffrey Dubinsky, Sierra Club volunteer

**Middle Row**

1. Ashlyn Parks
2. Ashley White
3. Morgan Higginbotham
4. Abbey Gautreau

**Front Row**

1. Lauren Babin
2. Catherine Dubuc