## **KEEP ATLANTA BEAUTIFUL, INC**

2015 fourth quarter and year-end report

### **Community Recycling**

COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTERS – 2015 TOTALS			
MATERIALS COLLECTED	BUCKHEAD (July cancelled)	OLD FOURTH WARD	TOTAL RECYCLED (JAN - DEC 2015)
Electronics (lbs.)	86,359	84,150	170,509
Styrofoam (lbs.)	2,138	1,963	4,101
Paper (lbs.)	51,910	50,180	102,090
Paint (gallons)	4,088	2,961	7,049
Single-stream (lbs.)	20,360	15,425	35,785
Metals (lbs.)	10,885	7,915	18,800
Textiles (lbs.)	2,594	3,775	6,369
Cars (Visitors)	4,241	3,898	8,139

#### **Neighborhood Cleanups**

During our fourth quarter, we provided cleanup supplies and recycled paint for graffiti paint-overs to **110 volunteers** at **6 community cleanups**. **2015 Totals: 1,287 volunteers** at **33 community cleanups**. If you are organizing a community cleanup and need supplies, please contact us at 404.249.5853 or <a href="mailto:info@KeepAtlantaBeautiful.org">info@KeepAtlantaBeautiful.org</a>.

Trash Cans Placed (to date)

#### Thanks for Another Great Year!

We've had an amazing year at Keep Atlanta Beautiful, Inc.(KAtlB)! Our Community Recycling Centers have set new records in collection, added new recycling vendors and services, and welcomed a new site manager at our events.

We want to extend a special thank you to all of our vendors, supporters, sponsors, and most of all, our communities who are helping to make Atlanta the city we're proud to call home! Stay tuned... We have even more exciting changes coming in 2016!

#### **KAtlB Board Spotlight - Catherine Chase**

Keep Atlanta Beautiful, Inc. has a dedicated group of Board members who help us provide the best services for Atlanta's residents. For Q4, we're highlighting our Board Treasurer, **Catherine Chase**.

Catherine doesn't limit her work with KAtlB to finance. She can regularly be found volunteering at our recycling events, whether helping to direct visitors, bringing food to the site team, or even making room for more recycling items (see photos, right).

In addition to her role with KAtlB, Catherine is a board member of the Fourth Ward West (FWW) Neighborhood Association. Through her efforts and others in her neighborhood, FWW applied for and received a matching grant from Park Pride to design and build a dog park in Renaissance Park on the western edge of the Old Fourth Ward.

Today, residents and visitors to the area can be seen at many times of the day giving their dogs off-leash exercise while they share neighborhood news. We're very fortunate to have Catherine as a valued member of our KAtlB leadership team!

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#### KAtlB Recycling Centers Volunteers - Alpha Kappa Alpha

Established in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the first sorority for college educated African American women. Its purpose is to serve its communities, particularly the underserved areas. The <u>Pi Alpha Omega chapter</u> of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. has volunteered at several of our Community Recycling events. Many thanks to these extraordinary young women for their support!

 ${\it Chapter member Gerilyn \ Metoyer shared \ this \ message \ with \ us \ regarding \ the \ sorority's \ experiences:}$ 





"We have learned so much from our experience at the recycling center. We have become more aware of the need to conserve and reduce waste. Our chapter has become more aware of the importance recycling and cost to the community if we don't. The fellowship experience has been enlightening, meeting the community members and stakeholders who have a similar passion for environmental sustainability. Working with KAtlB has led us to other opportunities to serve the community and we are grateful for your acceptance and allowing us to serve Atlanta along side of you." -- Gerilyn Metoyer

#### **Meet Ben Rickles!**

We're pleased to introduce Ben Rickles, our Recycling Centers site attendant. Ben moved to Atlanta from Pittsburgh in 2014 to pursue a PhD in Cognitive Science at Georgia State, where he is a full-time student. Passionate about the environment, Ben became involved with KAtlB when he learned his apartment building did not offer recycling services. We're very fortunate to have him as a key member of our Recycling Centers team.



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