



From left, Shastri Singh, Linda Sapienza and Scott Matthews of Wheelabrator deliver supplies.

EASE does it, with help from Wheelabrator

BY RICH FAHEY

The instinct is to jump in and lend a hand when a neighbor needs help. The slowdown in the economy has affected the entire country, but few states have been affected as greatly as Florida.

Residents who were in businesses such as construction, real estate, and mortgage lending have lost their jobs and are having a difficult time finding employment. Even many of those who have kept their jobs have seen their hours cut.

Based in Davie, the 23-year-old EASE Foundation – (Emergency Assistance Service Effort) – is a grassroots organization that provides temporary financial assistance, on a one-time basis, to residents in Davie, Cooper City and the surrounding Southwest Broward unincorporated areas. The

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Helping Haiti

Company assists families in relief effort

BY RICH FAHEY

The earthquake that devastated Haiti on Jan. 12 also hit hard in Florida's Haitian-American Community, where many people still have family in their homeland.

Waste Management has done a great deal to get help to the victims and comfort the affected families. There are more than 500 employees of Haitian descent working for

Waste Management in Florida, including nearly 400 in South Florida.

Wheelabrator's North and South Broward plants were also part of that effort.

"Because Waste Management had already donated so many resources to the effort and had so many employees affected, we didn't want to reinvent the wheel," said Cyrene Powell, senior regional manager of

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Exciting things happening at Wheelabrator



Scott McIlvaine

Many exciting things are happening here at Wheelabrator Broward.

As we move forward in 2010, we will be gearing up for the 16th annual Wheelabrator Symposium for Environment and Education, which will be held May 4-7 in Sunrise. For nearly six months, students from across the country have been working to devise solutions to an environmental challenge in their communities. It is always a pleasure to attend the event and see the fruits of their labors.

Also coming up this spring is the annual fundraiser, Clueless on Las Olas, which benefits Partners in Education, Broward County Public Schools' premier school-business partnership program.

In this edition, you will see highlights from the 2009 Young At Art Children Museum's annual recycled fashion show. It is truly amazing what these young designers can do with materials we dispose of daily.

Outside of the Broward community, Waste Management

President and Chief Operating Officer Larry O'Donnell has attracted quite a bit of attention following his appearance on the CBS show "Undercover Boss," which premiered after the Super Bowl. Not only was it an eye-opening experience for O'Donnell, but it provided millions of viewers with an inside look at the waste-to-energy industry.

We look forward to continued good news for the remainder of the year.

Scott McIlvaine is plant manager of Wheelabrator North Broward.

Giving back is Wheelabrator's business



Jairaj Gosine

Inside this edition of *Wheelabrator Broward News*, you may notice a common theme of giving back – both to our local community and to those in need abroad.

Thanks to the coordination of Julie Workman at Waste Management in Pompano, we were able to raise much-needed funds for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. I know many families in Broward County were touched by the devastation, and it was imperative for us to do all that we could to provide some relief.

Locally, we remain committed to

supporting organizations such as SOS Children's Villages Florida, Partners in Education, and Young At Art Children's Museum. Our featured employee in this edition, Angelica Andreozzi, remains active with the Davie Cooper City Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Committee, helping to raise money for local charities and aiding aspiring businesswomen. I am thrilled to have joined the board of directors at the EASE Foundation this year. In today's challenging economic times, the assistance EASE provides is more

critical than ever.

At Wheelabrator, we are happy to lend a hand – whether it be donating to the food pantry or providing disadvantaged children with toys. It is important to remember that we can only become stronger by joining together as a community.

Thank you all for your continued support. Best wishes for a happy and healthy spring.

Jairaj Gosine is plant manager at Wheelabrator South Broward.



FORE a good cause

Wheelabrator Broward served as a sponsor of the annual Davie-Cooper City Chamber of Commerce Golf Classic at Grande Oaks Golf Course in Davie. Wheelabrator was well represented in the tournament, with 11 players teeing it up, including, front from left: Jim Epsilantis, Jesse Lewis, Jairaj Gosine, Pete Anderson, Artie Cole and Mike Irwin; back row, Alex Klimov, Don Gross, Scott McIlvaine, Chris Carey and Bill Roberts.

Employee
Spotlight

Angelica Andreozzi is a valuable member of the Wheelabrator South Broward team.

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Smooth operator

Andreozzi helps South Broward plant run efficiently

BY RICH FAHEY

Angelica Andreozzi helps keep the Wheelabrator South Broward facility running smoothly, just like the smooth jazz tunes she loves so much. When the plant is running on all cylinders, it's music to her ears.

Andreozzi, a native of São Paulo, Brazil, is the strategic sourcing manager at Wheelabrator South Broward. She is responsible for the purchase of services the plant needs to operate.

"We negotiate with vendors and service providers on behalf of the company," she said. "We purchase goods and services in quantities and volumes that are favorable to the company and promote plant efficiency."

The goal is to provide a steady stream of materials and services to keep the plant running as efficiently as possible.

"We're very concerned about the quality of the suppliers that we use," she said. "We use people who are experienced in

their field and align ourselves with suppliers who have proven track records."

Andreozzi came to the United States with her fiancé in 1991. She had a business degree from a college in Brazil and added a master's degree in finance from Florida International University.

She worked for the former Trans Brazil Airlines and for other companies on the procurement side before joining Wheelabrator in 2003. Andreozzi was a purchaser of commodities before moving full-time to the purchase of services.

Andreozzi returns every year to Brazil so her daughter can get to know her family.

Her biggest outside interest is music.

"I enjoy live music and going to concerts," she said. "I support the local music community."

She has attended the New Orleans Jazz Festival, and someday would like to journey to other famous festivals in places such as Montreal and Newport, R.I.

Andreozzi is a member of the Davie-

Cooper City Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Committee, a group that serves as a role model to aspiring businesswomen.

"We plan events geared to women in business," she said. "We invite guest speakers to meetings, conduct training seminars to help women prepare for such things as the interview process, and raise money for local charities by charging a small fee for the seminars."

Andreozzi, 48, who has a 10-year-old daughter and lives in Bay Harbor Islands, loves being part of a company that converts waste to energy.

"As a company, we're always looking for ways to reuse and recycle and that carries over to our personal lives," she said. "I'm proud to say I work for this company."

Andreozzi said she hopes U.S. government officials realize what a boon waste-to-energy technology is to the economy and to the country's energy needs.

Wheelabrator Technologies Quick Facts

As of Jan. 1, 2010, in more than three decades of operating waste-to-energy plants, Wheelabrator has:

- ◆ processed more than 165,000,000 tons of municipal solid waste.
- ◆ generated 86 billion kilowatts of clean, renewable electricity, avoiding the use of 165 million barrels of oil or 43 million tons of coal that would have been used to produce that amount of electricity.
- ◆ recovered and recycled more than 3 million tons of ferrous and non-ferrous metals.

In 2009, Wheelabrator:

- ◆ processed 7.03 million tons of municipal solid waste into 3.88 million megawatt-hours (net) of electricity (552 kilowatts/ton).
- ◆ recovered and recycled 142,500 tons of ferrous and non-ferrous metals.

Open-door policy

Have you ever wondered what happens to your trash after it is collected from the curb?

We invite you to tour one of our Broward County plants and witness firsthand the journey waste takes as it is converted into electricity.

To set up a tour, please contact:

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group works in conjunction with other human service agencies in the area to provide the assistance.

EASE focuses on preventing homelessness, but it also reaches out to the homeless with food, clothing and hygiene supplies.

Wheelabrator South Broward has been a longtime partner of EASE, extending a hand in a variety of ways.

EASE Executive Director Linda Owen said the last few years have been a “nightmare” for most nonprofits. Many have closed, especially those that rely on grants, but businesses, residents and churches have pulled together to keep EASE going.

Owen said she is particularly grateful to have a partner such as Wheelabrator upon which she can call when she is really in need.

“They’ve always come through for us,” she said.

Recent food donations from Wheelabrator completely filled EASE’s food pantry and the food lasted four weeks, according to Owen.

“Wheelabrator employees make their living in these communities, and perhaps they feel an obligation to give back,” said Owen. “They don’t have any obligation, but we’re glad they feel that way.”

The company also donated toys at Christmas, sponsors EASE’s annual Humanitarian of the Year Award luncheon, and helps sponsor the group’s annual charity horse show in April.

As further evidence of the company’s involvement, Wheelabrator South Broward Plant Manager Jairaj Gosine has joined the EASE board of directors.

Owen said she is continually surprised by the generosity of area residents.

“Basically, we’re about neighbor helping neighbor, and you never know what’s going on with your neighbor,” said Owen. “They might live in a nice area but not be able to pay their bills.”

Wheelabrator, Owen said, is one of those good neighbors that is always stepping up. “We count on them to come through when we need them, and on behalf of all the people we help, I’d like to thank the people and all the staff there for their support. It means a lot to us.”



EASE Foundation Executive Director Linda Owen accepts donated supplies from Wheelabrator’s Shastri Singh, left, and Scott Matthews.

Company assists in Haiti relief effort

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human resources for Wheelabrator. “It made sense for them to coordinate rescue and relief efforts.”

Waste Management offered employees the use of its phone system to attempt to get in touch with relatives back in Haiti.

“Everybody has lost somebody,” said Lead Route Manager Jean Desilus at Waste Management’s Southern Sanitation Service in Broward County. Desilus’ aunt and two nieces died in the tragedy. His wife, Julie, lost 16 family members.

Waste Management provided grief counselors at multiple locations throughout South Florida in the aftermath of the tragedy, including six in Broward County, two of whom spoke Creole.

“The assistance from Waste Management and the counselors was very good,” Desilus said. “It was very important to have someone to talk to and share your fears and emotions. It helped a lot.”

Julie Workman, senior operations specialist at Waste Management in Pompano, became the point person for the company’s efforts. WM supervisors set up international phone

lines so employees could try to reach friends and relatives in Haiti, and offered additional assistance in contacting the State Department, CNN and other Web sites to get the latest information. Workman also assisted employees in New Jersey and Orlando in getting information about their loved ones.

“This has been an extremely emotional, heart-wrenching time for more than 60 of our drivers,” said Workman. “Every driver but one has lost family members or has loved ones still missing.”

In addition to matching employee contributions for relief efforts, Waste Management added \$100,000 to the WM Employee Cares Fund, which supports employees affected by natural disasters and other emergencies, and another \$100,000 to support community partners who are helping in the disaster response.

“Our Waste Management family has come together and shown incredible and generous support to our employees at this very difficult time,” said Linda Johnson, senior manager of HR for WM of South Florida, whose team coordinated the counselors, arranged for the phone lines, assisted with paperwork, answered questions

and supported employees.

Waste Management of Florida presented \$50,000 to the World Vision Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. District Manager Steve Colby arranged for sea containers to be delivered to multiple WM locations, and employees filled containers with food, clothing and medical supplies to benefit World Harvest Missions based in Lake Worth, Fla.

By Jan. 21 — just nine days after the earthquake — WM had already dedicated about \$250,000 to earthquake relief, split between Haiti-related organizations it works with and a matching program for employees who make donations for relief.

Powell said employees at Wheelabrator’s Broward County plants were encouraged to donate in addition to the corporate efforts, and she knows that many employees took it upon themselves to help out, but didn’t want any publicity for it.

“There were people who gathered up water, food and clothing for the victims,” she said. “That’s the way Wheelabrator and Waste Management people are. They’re very family-oriented and not afraid to reach out to others.”

County officials tour plant

During the Broward County Legislative Delegation’s tour of the Wheelabrator South Broward plant in Fort Lauderdale, one member of the delegation remarked that he couldn’t believe how clean it was.

After all, shouldn’t a plant that processes up to 2,250 tons a day of municipal solid waste be at least somewhat dirty?

Not necessarily. That’s what waste to energy is all about.

A delegation of about a dozen Broward County officials toured the plant last fall. “We gave them the Introduction to Waste-to-Energy course and the standard tour and everyone seemed impressed by it,” said Garrett Trierweiler, senior manager for government relations for Wheelabrator Technologies. “They asked a lot of good questions.”

For some attendees, it was their first tour of a waste-to-energy facility.

“I think, given the role we play in the county and all we have going on, it was important for our policymakers to see it,” said Trierweiler.

ClueLess on Las Olas set for April 15

Wheelabrator is again the presenting sponsor for the annual ClueLess on Las Olas fundraiser, to be held April 15 on Las Olas Boulevard in Fort Lauderdale.

Patterned after the board game Clue, ClueLess on Las Olas serves as a fundraiser for Partners In Education, Inc. Amateur sleuths from around South Florida will be on Las Olas Boulevard to solve the unique murder mystery game.

There is also a silent auction. Participants will also enjoy a raffle, appetizers and dessert buffets, music and a bar.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 that night. For more information, visit www.browardpartners.com/fundraisers.htm or call Partners in Education at 754-321-1974.



Getting ready for the Clueless on Las Olas event are, from left, Yarei Rivera of Wheelabrator; Meredith Lasher of Sixth Star Entertainment, Mark Whitney of Mangos, Linda Brown of Events, Etc., Tim Curtin of Memorial Healthcare Systems and Nina Randall of Partners in Education, Inc.

Broward County to celebrate Earth Month in April

In commemoration of the 40th anniversary of Earth Day, Broward County Waste and Recycling Services and partner cities have joined with other Broward County agencies and community partners to celebrate this landmark event.

The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970 by more than 20 million people across the United States. Earth Day now involves more than one billion people in 180 nations around the world. One of its main goals is to educate the public about the simple actions we can all take to help take care of our planet. Discover the ways you can make a difference, and have fun doing it.

EARTH MONTH Calendar of Events - April 2010

Saturday, April 3, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Earth Fest

Young At Art Children's Museum
11584 W. State Rd. 84, Davie
Visit the refurbished Earthworks Gallery, and enjoy an Eco Expressions art display, planting activities, papermaking and more. Take part in ongoing environmental art workshops, and visit Waste and Recycling Services' table for a prize made from recycled material!

Saturday, April 10, noon – 4 p.m.
Earth Day celebration
Waste Management Central Landfill
2700 Wiles Road, Coconut Creek
Tour the WM landfill and learn how "green" energy is created at the adjacent Wheelabrator North Broward waste-to-energy

plant. Enjoy hot dogs and drinks, bounce houses, climbing wall and petting zoo.

Saturday, April 10, noon – 4 p.m. and Sunday, April 11, noon – 4 p.m.

Babies, Blooms and Butterflies
Museum of Discovery and Science
401 S.W. 2nd St., Fort Lauderdale
Spring is in the air! Meet baby farm animals; create a butterfly house; plant a seed in the Plant Lab, see resident baby reptiles and much more! Stop by Waste and Recycling Services' table on Saturday for a prize made from recycled material.

Sunday, April 18, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free Electronics Recycling Drop-Off
City of Lauderdale Sports Park
7500 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Lauderdale
Broward County residents can drop off TVs, computers and peripherals, printers, cell phones, rechargeable batteries and MP3 players free of charge. Please no microwaves, small appliances or business waste. Call 954-765-4999 for details.

Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Celebrate Earth Month
Whole Foods Market
2000 N. Federal Hwy., Fort Lauderdale
Enjoy food demonstrations and visit local nonprofit organizations to learn how you can help the environment. The first 75 attendees receive a free reusable tote bag.

Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free Electronics Recycling Drop-Off

Whole Foods Market, Fort Lauderdale
Drop off used electronics such as TVs and computers and receive a free tote and stainless steel sports bottle (while supplies last; one per car). Electronics recycled by Broward County Waste and Recycling Services. No business-generated waste. For details, call 954-765-4999.

Sunday, April 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Earth Day Extravaganza
Plantation Heritage Park
1100 S. Fig Tree Lane, Plantation
Talk to staff from a variety of Broward County agencies and learn how you can "go green." Meet "Cycler," the recycling robot. Additional highlights include a bounce house and other children's activities, games, giveaways and, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a live broadcast from 99.9 KISS Country radio. Free with paid park admission. Regular weekend and holiday gate entrance fee is \$1.50 per person (children 5 and under free).

Sunday, April 25, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Free Exterior Paint Giveaway
Plantation Heritage Park (with paid park admission)
1100 S. Fig Tree Lane, Plantation
Spruce up for spring. Receive up to 20 gallons of recycled exterior latex paint for free (per household) with proof of Broward County residency, while supplies last. No businesses (or vehicles marked as such). Paint comes in 5-gallon containers. Free with park admission. Regular weekend and holiday gate entrance fee is \$1.50 per person (children 5 and under free). Call 954-765-4999.

ONGOING EVENTS

Every Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Free disposal of yard waste
For residential use only. Dispose of tree trimmings and bulky waste for free at any Broward County residential trash transfer station. Proof of Broward County residency required. For participation details, restrictions, locations and times, call 954-765-4999 or visit broward.org/waste.

April 1-30
Earth Month Celebration
Young At Art Children's Museum
11584 W. State Rd. 84, Davie
youngatartmuseum.org - 954-424-0085
This month-long celebration includes environmental art programs, story times, papermaking workshops, art activity stations, a recycled art show, and other activities.

April 3, 17, 24 and May 8, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Save the Planet Saturdays
Museum of Discovery and Science
401 SW 2nd St., Fort Lauderdale
mods.org - 954-467-MODS
Featuring recycling relay races, papermaking, and interactive presentations covering topics such as the Pacific Ocean Vortex, an enormous area of floating trash at sea; how waste-to-energy works; and Save the Animals.

Don't miss an opportunity to help make Broward County and the world more sustainable and cleaner. For additional Earth Month events, visit www.broward.org/waste or call 954-765-4999.

Wheelabrator's Boy (Scout) Wonder

North Broward plant engineer Lewis continues to be worthy of merit

BY RICH FAHEY

Jesse Lewis, an engineer at the Wheelabrator North Broward plant in Pompano Beach, was told by a real estate agent in the West Palm Beach area recently that he — and the rest of his colleagues at the plant — were doing their job well.

Lewis was out looking at homes when the topic of his job came up, and Lewis went on to describe Wheelabrator's mission and its presence in the area.

"He didn't know we had three plants in the area and he was pleased when I told him what we do," said Lewis. "That tells me we're doing a good job, our reputation is good and we're not having any negative effects on quality of life."

These are busy times for Lewis, 29, currently part of a team at the plant working on a reverse osmosis process, taking so-called tertiary water, commonly called waste water, and filtering and purifying it to be used again in the plant.

The processed water can be used as mill water and has a variety of uses such as cleaning plant hardware.

"Even though we lose some water to evaporation, basically it allows us to keep reusing the same water over and over," he said. "We hope to have it up and running in June."

The process means the plant wouldn't have to draw the 130,000 gallons of water a day it currently gets from the city water supply.

Lewis is also undertaking an evaluation process for a metal recovery project that would see non-ferrous metals removed from the waste stream and recycled. "There's a market for the recycling of these metals," he said.

A native of Plant City, Fla., Lewis studied electrical engineering at the University of South Florida. While he was at USF, he started interning for Wheelabrator. He graduated from USF in December 2003 and was hired full-time at Wheelabrator in January 2004.

He spent five years at Wheelabrator Ridge Energy in Auburndale, Fla., before spending two years at Wheelabrator South Broward in Fort Lauderdale. Lewis will mark the end of his first year at North Broward in June.

Lewis' interest in engineering stems back to his Boy Scout days, including earning merit badges in science and technology. That dovetailed with his high school courses in technology, physics and math.

When he isn't working, Lewis loves to get outdoors and chase the little white ball around; he has played in a few charity golf tournaments with other Wheelabrator employees.

"You could describe me as a mediocre amateur golfer who makes a few good shots that want to make him play a little more," he said.



Engineer Jesse Lewis is working on some innovative projects at the North Broward plant.
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