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RETHINKWASTE ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE "TRASH TO ART" CONTEST
Pieces to Be Displayed at Shoreway Earth Day Event on April 12

SAN CARLOS, CA – April 9, 2014 – RethinkWaste is excited to announce the winners of its second "Trash to Art" Contest, which was open to all 4th through 6th grade classes in the RethinkWaste service area. Winners will be recognized at RethinkWaste's third annual Earth Day@Shoreway event on Saturday, April 12th, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Shoreway Environmental Center in San Carlos.

First Place will be awarded to the fifth grade class of teacher Mareva Godfrey from Highlands Elementary in San Mateo for their "Life Is Like a Circus" carousel. Students used such materials as bottle caps, toys and fabric to create the three-dimensional piece. The class will receive \$500 and a private tour of Shoreway.

Teacher Krissy Hauschild's sixth grade class from Nativity School in Menlo Park will receive Second Place for their "Out of the Blue," garden pieces. The class created a wind chime, two flower pots and a pitcher using plastic bottles, a trash bin and pipe cleaners. They will receive \$250 and a private tour of Shoreway.

Third Place goes to fifth graders in Dawn Presse's class who teaches at Foster City Elementary in Foster City for their "Recycledile" statue. The crocodile is made from boxes, egg cartons, buttons and cans. The Third Place prize is \$150.

Fourth Place went to the fourth grade classes of Catherine Waldeck and Jane Stein at Park Elementary in San Mateo for their "Flower Basket" made from plastic bottles, plastic bags, paper rolls and cans. They will receive \$100 for their class.

"It is wonderful to see the students' imagination in action," said Faustina Mututa, RethinkWaste's Environmental Education Coordinator. "Their art pieces show us that with a little creativity, you can give almost anything a second life. We can't wait to show them off at our Earth Day event."

The contest challenged students and teachers to give trash a new meaning by creating artwork of any medium such as sculptures, collages and murals from material collected from home, school, and everyday life. A total of 12 classes submitted one-of-a-kind pieces that were voted on by the Agency's Board of Directors at its March 27th meeting. In addition to the winners' schools, submissions were received from Audubon Elementary (Foster City), Charles Armstrong (Belmont), Connect Community Charter School (Redwood City), Hillview Middle School (Menlo Park), St. Pius

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(Redwood City) and Sunnybrae Elementary (San Mateo). They will each receive \$50 for their participation. All pieces will be on display at Earth Day@Shoreway.

In addition to recognizing the “Trash to Art” Contest winners, the free Earth Day@Shoreway event will include tours of the facility, kids’ activities, a free compost giveaway, informational booths, prizes and more, and promises to be fun for the whole family. Shoreway is located at 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. For more information, visit www.RethinkWaste.org.

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