



2026 Recycling Excellence Awards



2019
Recycler of the Year

Pam Blake



2019
Business Recycling
Program of the Year

Kum & Go



2019
Government Recycling
Program of the Year
City of Iowa City
Resource Management



2019
School Recycling
Program of the Year
Southeast Polk Community
School District

2026 Diane Albertson Memorial Scholarship Winners

Lizzy Wolf

- A 2026 graduate of Benton Community High School in Van Horne, Lizzy is a freshman at Iowa State University studying Biology. Lizzy is passionate about recycling and taking care of our environment for future generations. Lizzy models recycling and is eager to bring recycling initiatives to her in college in the fall.



Zack Morris

- Currently in his second year at Iowa State as a Biosystems Engineer major. Zack is a member of the math club, and he works in a soil research lab, where they aim to find more sustainable methods of agriculture.



Business of the Year



**THE TORO
COMPANY**

The Toro Company – Ankeny

- Launched Zero Waste to Landfill program across US in FY25
 - More than 18,000 tons of waste diverted
 - Goal of achieving 90% global diversion by 2030
- Partnership with Iowa Waste Exchange
 - Surplus lawn and leaf collection bags are reused/upcycled
 - Toro zippered bags repurposed for care and hygiene supplies
 - Also supported youth service projects, children's activities and ReusaPalooza efforts



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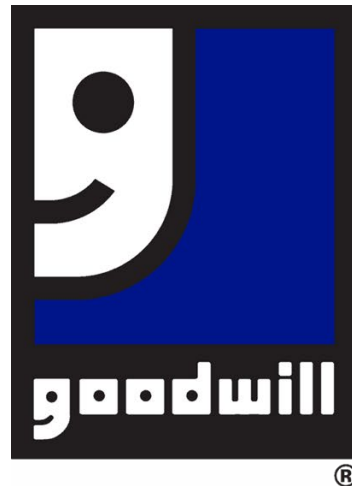
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Project of the Year

Goodwill of the Heartland

- Started two new programs to further and expand their recycling goals
 - Any film, plastic bags or shrink film are now baled and shipped for use in making composite decking
 - Recycling all unsellable rigid plastics received
 - Broken toys
 - Storage containers
 - Hangers
 - Etc.



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RECYCLING & SALVAGE IMPACT

All Locations Combined

Together, we diverted over

10,387,652
POUNDS
from local landfills

TOP IMPACT CATEGORIES

Textiles
7,159,781 lbs

Books & Cardboard
1,664,615 lbs

Scrap Metal
590,963 lbs

Computers, Media & Plastics
368,423 lbs

EVERY ITEM COUNTS

- Shoes (paired & single): **128,250 lbs**
- Electronics: **130,986 lbs**
- Linens: **119,892 lbs**
- Belts & Non-Purse Bags: **49,358 lbs**
- Purses: **45,304 lbs**
- Blankets: **40,528 lbs**
- Cords: **23,870 lbs**
- String Lights: **7,252 lbs**
- Hats: **4,615 lbs**
- Dirty Mix: **53,815 lbs**

Thank you for doing your part to recycle, reuse, and reduce waste.
Your daily work creates real environmental impact



Recycler of the Year



Davenport Compost Facility

- Co-compost two waste streams
 - Biosolids from wastewater treatment plants in Davenport and Bettendorf
 - Yard waste from 150,000+ residents living in Scott County.
- State-of-the-art facility spans 120,000 ft² with automated feed system for biosolids and yard trimmings.
- Divert over 1 million pounds of waste annually extending local landfill capacity from 2025 to 2050

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Laurie Rasmus Impact Award

The *Laurie Rasmus Impact Award* recognizes a dedicated person who has made a significant contribution to recycling and waste diversion in Iowa.

This award honors Laurie's legacy by celebrating an individual's passion, leadership, and unwavering commitment to environmental stewardship, just as she did her entire life.

It is given to those who have gone above and beyond to educate others, develop innovative solutions, or lead by example, inspiring positive change within their community or organization.



Laurie Rasmus Impact Award

Bryce Stalcup

Waste Commission of Scott County

- Began with WCSC in 2010
- Commitment to IRA Board
- Industry Leader
- Strategic and Forward Thinking
- Ultimate Team Player
- Humble (almost to a fault)

