



Florida's Churches Praise Benefits of Fundraising-Recycling

West Palm Beach --SP Recycling has helped countless churches in Florida over the years in reaching their fundraising goals. One



of the many success stories is the **Holy Name of Jesus Church and School**. They have been recycling paper for money since 2001 with more than 560 tons of paper recycled. The school boasts the efforts of their "Recycling-Team". Members put the paper in the recycling bins daily, while parents help by collecting paper from local businesses. This small congregation incorporates its recycling-income into its operational budget.

Fort Myers -- **St. Cecilia's Church** has been raising funds with SP Recycling Corporation since 1989. This past year St. Cecilia's collected 116 tons of paper which is a 34%

increase from last year's 86 tons! The money raised is used for their missions worldwide.

Clermont -- **Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church** fills its recycling-bin with such amazing enthusiasm that they are supporting a new social services program, called **Outward Sign**. Barbara Cybulski is president of the outreach which includes a thrift store, food pantry, a facility that houses such services as DCF, Access Florida, United Way, Applemart, Department of Health Services, Immunizations, Kids Central, VPK and Lifestream.



Pictured is: Father Stan Dombrowski, Linda Wisinski, Dir. Pastoral Ministries, Jeanne Conklin, Business Admin, and Joseph D'Amico, SP Recycling Fort Myers Division Manager.

This outreach is so successful that employees of *USA Today* joined in their efforts by hosting an SP Recycling Container at their Orlando Offices. All money raised goes to support **Outward Sign**.

Blessed Sacrament began fundraising-recycling in 2004 generating an annual average of 86 tons, raising \$1099 per year. Their average monthly tonnage has continued to increase and is now nearly 11 and a-half tons per month!

Barbara is optimistic that the services will only keep growing, "If we can take care of each other as a community, maybe other people will hear about our little plan and the model will perpetuate throughout the land!" Orlando SP Recycling Coordinator Denise Gainer adds, "And, we'll just keep looking for more sites who want to host fundraising-recycling containers on their behalf!"



Palm Coast Lions Club Looks For **BIG** Money When Recycling

The motto of the Palm Coast Lions Club is "We Serve." And the 100 members serve with a purpose when it comes to recycling newspapers. Dick Stucky, Co-chair for Recycling tells us, "This recycling money helps fund many projects from books for the blind to scholarships to Lake Wales Camp to Lions International to our hearing impaired outreach, as well."

The Palm Coast Lions of Flagler County have been recycling for 28 years, nearly as long as SP Recycling has been in Florida. They have a unique location near the town Publix grocery store and a 34-yard roll-off container in the parking lot to accept paper. Stucky and his wife, Ellen, tell us, "Someone checks [the container] everyday and they pull out any contamination." No contamination means more money for the club, which also hosts a once a month paper drive. "High School kids help out," says Dick, "and we have two car dealerships, Palm Coast Ford and Tom Gibbs Chevrolet, who give us vehicles to use."

Ellen adds, "People can't afford to waste stuff anymore. It takes little effort to drive by, and drop off paper for recycling and so much more."



Who should know better than these folks with 28 years; 6,020 tons; and \$156,600 of fundraising-recycling experience!?!

Social Clubs, Elks Lodges, American Legion Posts, Homeowner Associations – Reap Reward of Recycling!

The wonderful thing about recycling for funds is that the group type is as varied as people. It works for large or small groups. What matters is that there is a two-fold mission for participants: desire to better dispose of the waste we generate and the desire to raise money for what ever purpose is most important to the people doing the recycling.

Port St Lucie --The **Savannah Club**, recycling with SP since 2005, has kept some 370 tons out of the landfill while earning money. Their earned income goes to the Social Committee which offsets the costs of dances, trips, and this year the 25th Anniversary Celebration of their community. It is their "play" money!

Stuart -- The **Jensen Elks BPOE 1870**, recycling since 1995, average 30 tons per year. Exalted Ruler, Suzi Simonelli, says, "The funds from the paper bin are **vital** to our outreach to kids." Those programs include Cub Scouts for disabled children, annual Christmas party for 110 needy children, student scholarships, food drives, and Elroy-the-Elk, a drug-use prevention program and more."



St. Simon Island -- **American Legion Post 166**, better known as the GUALE POST, has been recycling since 2008. Post Commander Michael Hennessy tells us, "The money they earn by recycling newspaper, magazines and office paper is put back into the community to help educate high school students in things such as Patriotism, Public Speaking, and Legislative Procedures." The American Legion also provides trophies to numerous schools for their ROTC award ceremonies.

Kissimmee -- There is nothing like a great start up to make a winning program immediately. The residents at **Remington** in just their first 5 months of recycling collected 12 tons of paper and money that makes a difference in their neighborhood. "It's been great, also reducing our waste removal costs and stabilizing our HOA fees." Cliff Baker and Larry Hurley surround Jim Chubb and grandson echoing his words, "It's simply a win-win situation with the benefit of money coming right back to the community!"

