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***I RECYCLE* PROGRAM TO DISBURSE SECOND ROUND OF CHECKS – OVER \$17K TO GUAM SCHOOLS – OVER \$38K RAISED YTD**

November 20, 2008 – Dededo, GU— The Guam Business Partners for Recycling, under project *i recycle*, will disburse the second round of checks from the second container to our island's schools totaling **\$17,439.89**. On May 22, 2008 the Guam Business Partners presented the first check from the first shipment to Finegayan Elementary in the amount of \$ 2,356.00, the highest any school has raised to date. Total raised from the first shipment was \$21,251.50. With this second round of check disbursements, Agana Heights Elementary ranked the highest and will be issued a check for \$1,384.40. The total funds that our schools have raised to date from the *i recycle* program is **\$38,691.39** – a benefit to schools – and not from tax to the locals!

Anheuser-Busch Recycling Corporation, one of the largest aluminum recyclers in the world, purchased the shipment from Guam at three times the local rate per pound. Total weight from the second container shipped by Matson Navigation was **23,480**. The disbursements to the schools will be based on the volume each school has generated. After expenses incurred on the West Coast are deducted, the schools will receive the net proceeds earned from the aluminum cans for their use. Forty-four schools will be receiving checks this week ranging from \$40.15 to \$1,384.40, the highest amount, going to Agana Heights for their recycling efforts. Much needed funds that will be used for the purchasing of supplies and equipment – all from the *i recycle* Program.

What started as a vision between Anheuser Busch Recycling Corporation and Ambros Inc., is now the mission of eight businesses that have donated money, time and their services to making the *i recycle* project a reality. Among the businesses participating are Ambros Inc., Anheuser Busch Asia Inc., Coca-Cola/ Foremost/ Subway/Glimpses, South Pacific Petroleum Corporation, Matson Navigation Company, Perez Brothers Inc., Guahan Waste Control, and Ernst & Young. Peggy Denney is the program administrator of the *i recycle* Program.

As program administrator, Denney urges everyone to get involved. “We now have 50 schools participating in the program, some even without bins. We’d like to thank Pyramid Recycling for accepting cans on behalf of our program, baling them, and crediting the schools for them. Everyone in the community can participate by either taking their cans to the school of their choice or taking cans directly to Pyramid and asking them to credit a particular school. “

Denney went on to say, "With this second disbursement of checks, it is our hope that it will promote increased excitement and momentum in the program. We hope it will keep the schools committed to this effort – we need to sustain the momentum of the program and encourage recycling in our homes, neighborhoods and at work. Why focus on alternatives for fundraising? This is the fundraiser of all fundraisers! The faster the bins are filled, the faster the schools will receive money for their recycling efforts."

Forty eight-cubic-yard bins have been placed island wide since the first bin was placed at St. John's School on September 5, 2007. The participating schools include 11 private schools, GCC and UOG, and 27 public schools, including all the high schools, middle schools and 16 elementary schools. Two additional 3 cubic yard bins, provided by NAVFAC, have been placed at the Navy DODEA schools in order to allow them to participate in the program as well. Additionally, eight public elementary schools and two private schools are now participating in the program without an 8-cubic-yard bin. There is no excuse for the community NOT to recycle with sites this easily accessible all over the island.

The objective of the *i recycle* Program is to educate and promote the recycling of aluminum beverage containers on an island-wide level. The GBPR's plan utilizes private and public schools as sites for the aluminum can bins, giving access for the entire community to recycle all over the island. The ultimate plan is to have local businesses, agencies and organizations get involved by adopting a school - being strong advocates and supporters of the schools' efforts in recycling. The Guam Business Partners for Recycling is continuing to solicit sponsors for their *Adopt-A-School* program. Please contact Peggy Denney at 483-9415 to learn how you can get involved.