

America Recycles Day Event **Friday, November 15, 2013**

The City of Lawrence Solid Waste Division and the University of Kansas hosted an America Recycles Day Event on Friday, November 15th. The event was held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Ecumenical Christian Ministries (ECM) located at 1204 Oread Avenue, Lawrence.

Lawrence and the University of Kansas joined thousands of local organizers holding recycling events across the country to celebrate America Recycles Day. America Recycles Day is a national program of Keep America Beautiful, and is the only nationally recognized day and community-driven awareness event dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the U.S. Since its inception in 1997, communities across the country have participated in America Recycles Day on November 15th to educate, promote environmental citizenship, and encourage action.

On America Recycles Day at the ECM, the following individuals answered questions about recycling from students and residents:

1. Manny Abarca, University of Kansas Recycling Operations Coordinator
2. Lydia Gibson, Missouri Organic Recycling Project Manager
3. Kathy Richardson, City of Lawrence Solid Waste Manager
4. Charlie Sedlock, Hamm Waste Services Director
5. Donna Utter, Ripple Glass Director of Business Development

After the panel discussion, there was a viewing of the documentary *The Wrong Bin*. In this film, Emmy nominated filmmaker Krishnan Vasudevan documents the trials and triumphs of the curbside recycling program in New York City. The audience stayed after the film to continue the community recycling conversation.

Door prizes, donated by Cottin's Hardware and The Home Depot, were given away in between the speaker panel and the film.



Pictured above (from left to right): Cassandra Ford, Manny Abarca, Lydia Gibson, Kathy Richardson, Charlie Sedlock, and Donna Utter.