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Keep America Beautiful Recognizes Texas State Affiliates with National Awards

[FEBRUARY 3, 2017] – Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) was honored for distinguishing itself as an exemplary Keep America Beautiful affiliate organization at last week’s Keep America Beautiful’s National Awards Ceremony, which took place during Keep America Beautiful’s 2017 National Conference in Washington, D.C.

At this conference, Keep Texas Beautiful and its state affiliates recently received national recognition. Keep America Beautiful’s National Awards acknowledge the passion, dedication and impact of Keep America Beautiful’s affiliates from across the nation as well as partner organizations and individuals who share Keep America Beautiful’s vision of a country in which every community is a clean, green and beautiful place to live. Established in 1953, Keep America Beautiful consists of a national network of more than 620 statewide and community-based affiliates whose programs, initiatives and efforts, supported by millions of volunteers, help transform public spaces into beautiful places.

“These imaginative, inspirational and transformative community leaders help bring to life creative, resourceful and meaningful programs in their communities,” said Mike Rosen, Keep America Beautiful senior vice president, marketing and communications, who served as emcee of the event. “It’s my privilege to recognize Keep Texas Beautiful and its statewide members for such valuable, mission-based work that helps their community be more socially connected, environmentally healthy and economically sound.”

State organizations recognized include:

- *National Community Improvement Awards*
 - *Recycling & Waste Reduction: Austin Resource Recover*
 - *Overall Community Improvement: Keep Irving Beautiful*
- *Local Affiliate Awards*
 - *Award of Excellence: Keep Lewisville Beautiful, Keep San Saba Beautiful*
 - *Sustained Excellence Award: Keep Irving Beautiful, Keep Lake Jackson Beautiful*
 - *Affiliate Award by population (100,001-250,000): Keep Lewisville Beautiful*
- *Achievement Award*
 - *Young Professional Award: Amy Tasto, Lake Jackson, Texas*

“We are honored to have been so well-represented by our amazing affiliate network at Keep America Beautiful’s national conference,” said Suzanne Kho, KTB Executive Director.

The Keep America Beautiful National Conference, its premier educational and networking event, brought together more than 350 leaders from Keep America Beautiful’s national network of affiliates, business leaders, policymakers and other experts who shared innovative ideas and proven strategies to help End Littering, Improve Recycling, and Beautify America’s Communities.

The 2017 Keep America Beautiful National Conference was made possible through the support of some of America's leading companies, including: Title Sponsor – Wrigley Company Foundation; Leadership Sponsors – Altria, Lowe's and Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company; Stewardship Sponsors – Anheuser-Busch, Steel Recycling Institute; Strategic Sponsors – Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Northrop Grumman; Supporting Sponsors – Foodservice Packaging Institute, Maryland Environmental Services and Owens-Illinois, Inc. Scholarships are provided by Altria, Dr Pepper Snapple Group and The Share Fund.

For a complete list of National Awards recipients, click [here](#).

About Keep Texas Beautiful

Keep Texas Beautiful, the statewide grassroots environmental and community improvement organization and affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, educates and engages Texans to take responsibility for improving their community environment. KTB and its more than 390 affiliates work with government, businesses, civic groups, and volunteers to ensure that every Texan has the opportunity to help make Texas the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation. This year, Keep Texas Beautiful is celebrating its 50th Anniversary as an organization. For more information or to donate, call 1-800- CLEAN-TX. visit www.ktb.org or follow along at #50YearsofKTB.

About Keep America Beautiful

At Keep America Beautiful, we want to ensure that beauty is our lasting signature. A leading national nonprofit, Keep America Beautiful inspires and educates people to take action every day to improve and beautify their community environment. We envision a country in which every community is a clean, green, and beautiful place to live. Established in 1953, Keep America Beautiful provides the expertise, programs and resources to help people End Littering, Improve Recycling, and Beautify America's Communities. The organization is driven by the work and passion of more than 620 state and community-based Keep America Beautiful affiliates, millions of volunteers, and the support of corporate partners, municipalities, elected officials, and individuals. To donate or take action, visit kab.org. Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), like us on [Facebook](#), or view us on [YouTube](#).

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