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COAST 360 AND THE PAY-LESS FOUNDATION FUNDS NEW PLASTIC RECYCLING BINS FOR THE I*RECYCLE PROGRAM

December 2016, Guam – Guam Business Partners for Recycling, Inc. (GBPRI), the non-profit that created the *i*recycle* program, is in the process of bringing in new plastic 6cy recycling bins to replace the metal 8cy bins that were placed at participating schools in the fall of 2007. “The original metal 8cy bins have helped to grow the *i*recycle* program to where we are today. It has served its purpose and we are proud to work with the business community to have them replaced,” said Mark J. Sablan of South Pacific Petroleum and President of the Guam Business Partners for Recycling Board.

The new bins cost approximately \$1150 apiece, including manufacturing, trucking to the West coast, and signage. Shipping costs are covered by Matson, one of *i*recycle's* partners. *i*recycle* will be soliciting sponsorships from local companies to assist in covering the cost of the bins. Logos of bin sponsors will be reflected in the signage on each bin. The first 12 bins have been received and are ready to be placed at 12 schools. Bins will be delivered over the next two weeks.

The Pay-Less Community Foundation donated \$11,000 to *i*recycle* from its 2014 Kick the Fat 5K event. The proceeds were set aside to purchase new bins. The foundation's contribution covers the cost of nine new bins. Eight of these nine bins will be placed at the eight schools that are partnering with the eight Pay-Less Supermarkets to be the recipients of the aluminum cans that are generated at Pay-Less stores. Those eight schools are Agana Heights Elementary, CL Taitano Elementary, Untalan Middle School, Tamuning Elementary, Liguán Elementary, Benavente Middle School, Simon Sanchez High School, and Southern High School.

Coast 360 Federal Credit Union is donating \$5,500 to *i*recycle* from its most recent 5K, which will cover the cost of five new bins. The five recipient schools will be MU Lujan Elementary, Wettengel Elementary, Inarajan Middle School, John F. Kennedy High School, and Merizo Elementary.



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Over the next year, *i*recycle* plans to bring in a total of 60 bins which will allow 60 schools to participate in the program, thus increasing the number of participating schools by 20.

Any company that is interested in sponsoring an *i*recycle* bin should contact Peggy Denney, program administrator, at 483-9415.

The Guam Business Partners for Recycling (GBPR) started the *i*recycle* program in 2007 by Ambros, Inc., Guahan Waste Control, Inc., South Pacific Petroleum Corporation, Matson Navigation, Pyramid Recycling, Bank of Guam, Glimpses of Guam, Inc., Coca-Cola Beverage Company Guam, Inc., Foremost Foods, Inc., and Subway Restaurants. The program was started to educate and promote recycling on an island-wide level. *i*recycle's* plan utilizes private, public and DODEA schools as sites for aluminum can recycling bins, affording the entire community convenient access to recycling aluminum cans. Since the programs start in 2007, *i*recycle* has collected and recycled over 11 million aluminum cans.

To learn more about the *i*recycle* program and how you can become involved, contact Peggy Denney, Program Administrator, at (671) 483-9415 or follow us on Facebook at irecycleguam.



Photo Caption:

*i*recycle unveils new recycling bins with representatives from The Pay-Less Community Foundation and Coast 360. Pictured L-R front row: Gener Deliquina; Coast 360 Federal Credit Union, Carina Pagarido; The Pay-Less Community Foundation, Kamerin Pereira; The Pay-Less Community Foundation, Marcos Fong; Foremost Foods Inc., Coca-Cola Beverage Co. (Guam), Glimpses of Guam Inc., and Subway Restaurants, Peggy Denney; i*recycle and Patricia Salas; Bank of Guam. Pictured L-R middle row: Joe Shimizu; Ambros, Inc. and Mark Sablan, South Pacific Petroleum Corporation. Pictured back row: Jeff Sablan; Guahan Waste Control, Inc.*

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