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MERIDIAN WASTE OPENS UP LANDFILL & HEARTS TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY WITH ITS FIRST ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH

Free Pumpkins Every Saturday in October - Charity Donation Requested

- Games, Pumpkin Painting, Hayride, and Touch-A-Truck Yard -

WENDELL, NC (October 7, 2020) – Meridian Waste North Carolina, LLC, a subsidiary of [Meridian Waste](#), an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, hosted its first of five (5) Saturdays in a row introducing its one-of-a-kind charity pumpkin patch at its Shotwell Landfill facility in Wendell, NC. Besides raising monies and doing good for local charities, the event showcases that even the unexpected can be fun, educational, and very “cool” for kids of all ages including those simply young at heart.

The pumpkin patch will be open every Saturday during the month of October from 9 am - 1 pm. Pumpkins will be available in three size categories with suggested donations of \$5 for a medium, \$10 for a large, and \$15 for an extra-large pumpkin. Meridian Waste is donating 100 percent of monies raised from the pumpkin donations to be shared with local non-profits such as The Bailey and Sarah Williamson Farm & Nature Preserve and the nearby Good Hope Baptist Church. Donations are suggested for picking a pumpkin from the Charity Pumpkin Patch but are not required to visit the facility and enjoy the activities. In addition to monies generated at the event, Meridian Waste will match all pumpkin donations to double the amount given to charity.

“Last Saturday was the launch of the Charity Pumpkin Patch, and I’m not quite sure who had more fun, the kids or the adults,” said Josh Daher, Area President of Meridian Waste. “While the pumpkins were the draw into the landfill, everyone walked away with a unique future jack-o-lantern while feeling good about giving back to the community,” he said. “I think the most popular area of interest was the Touch-A-Truck Yard where visitors could see how our large earth-moving equipment worked and just how big the equipment really is. We operate all equipment safely and in an environmentally sound manner to bury construction and demolition debris generated throughout the County on a daily basis,” said Daher. “In addition, the viewing opportunity helped to debunk the myth that the landfill smells or is unattractive. To those attending, they experienced a clean and green outdoors event mixed with tic-tac-toe and cornhole competition, pumpkin painting, and very wonderful pumpkin picking to find just that perfect one.”

For more information, visit the Facebook event page at "[Meridian Waste Charity Pumpkin Patch](#)." For more information about the capabilities of Meridian Waste in North Carolina, please visit <https://www.MeridianWaste.com/NC>

PHOTO 1: Event graphic for the Meridian Waste Shotwell Landfill Charity Pumpkin Patch



Photo 2: Small Pumpkins at the Meridian Waste Charity Pumpkin Patch.



Photos 3 & 4: Enjoy games, such as pumpkin tic-tac-toe, Cornhole and visit the Touch-A-Truck yard during your visit.



Photo 5: The Daher Family enjoys some together time on a beautiful Fall Saturday at the Meridian Waste Charity Pumpkin Patch.



About Meridian Waste

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy community. The company's core waste business is centered on residential, commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in St. Louis, Mo., Richmond, Va., Blacksburg, Va., Augusta, Ga., Northeast Fla., Knoxville, Tenn., and Raleigh, N.C., servicing more than 96,651 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll off trucks, the company operates seven transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), three municipal solid waste landfills, and three C&D landfills in which 810,325 tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.