

## Meridian Waste's Gifting of the Turkeys Strengthens Community Ties

Charlotte, N.C. – (November 20, 2023) <u>Meridian Waste</u> Acquisitions, LLC, an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, gifted 127 turkeys equaling approximately 2,667 lbs. of Thanksgiving's main course to neighbors contiguous or impacted by the company's disposal operations at its six landfills throughout its six state footprint. The vast majority of the turkeys were delivered on Saturday, November 18 as landfill staff knocked on doors to personally deliver a burlap bagged packaged turkey with gift card and orange ribbon to personally greet the landfills' closest residents and to thank them for being such good neighbors.

"The Gifting of the Turkey's outreach program is an effective and engaging means of getting to know our neighbors and help them understand that they have a personal contact to reach out to in case they have any questions or concerns regarding our landfills," stated Walter "Wally" Hall, Meridian Waste's CEO. "Meridian Waste makes a concerted effort to involve our community, and most importantly our neighbors, in the plans and operations of our disposal facilities, and to allow them to know firsthand what we do at the disposal sites," said Hall. "We also provide accurate information from periodic solid waste industry detractors and for the community to recognize that we are transparent and proud of the way we manage our Meridian Waste landfills. We strive to protect the natural environment while providing a vital infrastructure solution to safely manage solid waste created by all of us."

The initial turkey give-away began at the company's Eagle Ridge Landfill in Missouri in 2020. With the event's great success, Meridian Waste leadership expanded the program to all of the company's landfills adding the disposal facilities in Virginia, Tennessee, and North Carolina, respectively. The newest landfill to participate was Tri-Corners Landfill located in Liberty, NC. The landfill was acquired in October 2023.

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Photo 1 & 2: A truckload of turkeys ready for personal delivery by Tri-Corners Landfill (Liberty, NC) Manager Josh Gustaf and former landfill owner Kent Coble.



Photo 3: Eagle Ridge Landfill (Bowling Green, MO) neighbor receives his turkey from General Manager Roger Brown.\_\_\_\_\_



Photo 4: Larry Seivers, Area President in Tennessee prepares to hand out turkeys to neighbors of the Riverside Landfill (Knoxville, TN).



Photo 5: Lunenburg Landfill (Lunenburg, VA) neighbor Sandra Jones, pictured with General Manager Joe Gustaf, chose to visit the landfill to secure her turkey and tour the landfill.



Photo 6: The surprise turkey brings delight and a smile to one Tri-Corners Landfill's (Liberty, NC) neighbor.

## **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 Northeast Fla., St. Louis, Mo., Goldston, N.C., Raleigh, N.C., Greensboro, NC, Greenville, S.C., Knoxville, Tenn., Blacksburg, Va., Harrisonburg, Va., and Richmond, Va., servicing more than 219,850 residential, commercial, industrial, and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates 14 hauling companies, five transfer stations/materials recycling facilities (MRFs), two municipal solid waste landfills, and four C&D landfills in which 882,066 tons of waste are safely disposed of annually. For more information, visit <u>MeridianWaste.com</u>.

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