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KEEP DORCHESTER COUNTY BEAUTIFUL WINS FIVE NATIONAL AWARDS!

The Keep America Beautiful, Inc. held its Annual National Conference in Washington DC on December 3rd through 6th 2008. The highlight of the conference was the awards that recognize excellence in 2008 programs, and presentation of programs from other Affiliates all over the country. **Keep Dorchester County Beautiful was recognized for FIVE Awards.** One of the five received is recognized as the most prestigious Award of the conference. This award is given to the outstanding affiliate director for their leadership and professionalism out of the all of the affiliates in the United States.

A Keep America Beautiful, Inc. Professional Leadership Award was accepted by Keep Dorchester County Beautiful/Recycling & Education Director Carolyn Tomlinson. This is Keep America Beautiful, Incorporated's highest Professional honor and is given annually to one or two KAB Affiliates Directors who have built and sustained local or state programs and have proven an outstanding success in their field. Those honored have furthered the goals of KAB by developing training initiatives, establishing model programs, fostering long-term partnerships between the public and private sectors. Carolyn Tomlinson is one of three Affiliate Directors in South Carolina to receive The Professional Leadership Award in the history of Keep America Beautiful.

Keep Dorchester County Beautiful was awarded 1stPlace in Waste Reduction under the Government category. This award recognizes the Recycling programs that Dorchester County Recycling and Keep Dorchester County Beautiful work to promote within Dorchester County. Keep Dorchester County Beautiful works with Recycling programs in the Schools, Civic Clubs, neighborhoods and each year works closely with many neighboring Towns to assist them in the Great American Cleanup involving Litter and beautification effort sand working with issues dealing with Recycling.

Keep Dorchester County Beautiful was awarded 2ndPlace in Cigarette Litter Prevention Program under the expanded program. This award is for the expansion of existing programs for Cigarette Litter Prevention program. This 2ndPlace Award was achieved by expanding our Cigarette Butt survey and getting Dorchester County Council support tracking cigarette butt litter in each of Dorchester County Towns and getting the Mayors on board with this litter butt survey. Keep Dorchester County Beautiful did not

only the three counts that were required but went beyond and did two more counts and found an improvement in each Town.

Keep Dorchester County Beautiful won the “Great American Cleanup Sponsorship Award”. This award is for our work with Local and National Sponsors during the Great American Cleanup, which kicks off in March. We work closely with all of our sponsors to create a successful Great American Cleanup, we place a special emphasis on the National Sponsors during festivals and when signing groups up for the GAC. KDCB ensures that the Towns that sign up for the GAC get info and samples of the National Sponsors.

Keep Dorchester County Beautiful also received the Presidents Circle Award. This award is given to the Affiliates that stay in compliance with the National KAB, this means Annual, Midyear Reporting, Litter Index Study, and cost benefit analysis. This award demonstrates that Keep Dorchester County Beautiful has successfully completed and participated in all programs of Keep America Beautiful.

Keep Dorchester County Beautiful Board is made up of a small group of Volunteer Board members who are dedicated to the environment and to their Community and County and take tremendous strides in making their communities a better place to live and work both for this generation and future generations.