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### **Local Schools Challenged To Secure Additional Funding**

COLUMBUS, Ohio—July 31, 2007—Local schools will have the opportunity this fall to raise funds through an aluminum beverage can recycling program called The Recycle Challenge.

The Recycle Challenge is a free, fund-raising program requiring schools to collect a minimum of 300 pounds of aluminum cans monthly. Schools team up with Sea World, Busch Gardens and Rumpke Recycling to implement the program. Rumpke Recycling collects and processes the cans, and the schools receive paybacks based on current market values. Schools can earn as much as \$3,000 annually, depending on amounts collected.

“We are very excited to bring The Recycle Challenge to the Greater Columbus community,” said Andrew Rumpke, regional vice president at Rumpke. “We look forward to partnering with Sea World, Busch Gardens and local schools to make this program a success.”

The program encourages students, teachers, parents and the entire community to participate by bringing aluminum cans to specially marked containers placed at schools. “The Recycle Challenge is a great opportunity for schools to raise money while learning about the importance of environmental awareness,” said Micheal Short, The Recycle Challenge Coordinator for Rumpke Recycling. “We really want the entire community to rally around these schools and bring their cans.”

Interested schools must designate a program coordinator and complete The Recycle Challenge application available at [www.recyclechallenge.com](http://www.recyclechallenge.com) and [www.rumpke.com](http://www.rumpke.com). More information is available by calling (614) 778-9675.

The Recycle Challenge is a nationwide program currently hosted by cities in Missouri, Georgia, Texas and Indiana. Columbus is only the second Ohio city to participate. Rumpke Recycling also coordinates the program in Cincinnati.

Rumpke Recycling is a division of Rumpke Consolidated Companies, Inc. Rumpke is the third largest privately owned waste hauler in the United States, owning or operating several landfills, transfer stations and recycling centers throughout Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. Rumpke’s regional facility is located in Columbus.