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Nearly 80 Rain Barrels to be painted for Orange County in County Schools and at Walt Disney World EPCOT Flower and Garden Festival

(Orange County) Barrels by the Bay, a non-profit organization committed to educating individuals about conservation and sustainability, has teamed up with the City of Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer's Green Works Initiative, Coca-Cola Beverages Florida, and Walt Disney World to launch the Orlando Project this spring. Dozens of schools will participate in the Orange County school program and guests visiting the Walt Disney World EPCOT Flower and Garden Festival will paint rain barrels for the local community.

Rain barrels will be distributed to Orange County teachers at the Coca-Cola Beverages Florida Plant (3220 Vera Ave, Orlando, FL 32808), kicking-off on Friday, March 24 at 2PM. Teachers previously registered to participate in the program. The Orlando Project school program gives students of all ages the opportunity to learn more about their local waterways and how stormwater runoff concerns can be minimized through rain barrels. The rain barrels distributed are recycled Coca-Cola Beverages Florida syrup barrels that have been converted into rain barrels and will be painted by students this spring. In addition to the barrels, participating teachers will be provided all painting, education, and installation materials for the project. All barrels will be installed into local infrastructure, of the classrooms' choosing, to help protect their community's water resources.

On March 31, April 1, and April 2, Walt Disney World guests visiting the EPCOT Flower and Garden Festival will paint 40 rain barrels for the local community. Guests will be invited to paint from 10AM-3PM each day at the center of the park near the EPCOT fountain. In addition to painting, volunteers will be on hand to talk with guests about rain barrels and practical ways to protect their community's waterways. The City of Orlando's Green Works Office has assisted with finding locations for the painted barrels, including local city Community Centers, Orlando Wetlands Park, and Rollins College.

"We are looking forward to expanding our program into Orange County, Florida. It is exciting to work with so many teachers within the community and partner with Walt Disney World to hold an interactive weekend for guests. The City of Orlando's Green Works Office and Coca-Cola Beverages Florida have also been working closely with our team and recognize the great impact the rain barrels will have on community awareness and conservation of the local waterways," said Barrels by the Bay Founder and President, Megan Rosenberger. Megan is a native of Natrona Heights, PA and founded Barrels by the Bay in 2015 while she attends the United States Naval Academy. "The Orlando Project is an exciting program for us. The local waterways are an important component of this region, and our priority is ensuring that the next generation understands this importance as well," said Dr. Elizabeth Rosenberger, Barrels by the Bay Executive Director.

Please visit www.barrelsbythebay.org to learn more about the Barrels by the Bay Programs.

About Barrels by the Bay

Barrels by the Bay is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate individuals about world's water resources. Barrels by the Bay is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in March 2015 by Megan Rosenberger, a native of Natrona Heights, PA who is also a midshipman studying at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The Orlando Project marks the sixth school program for the Barrels by the Bay team. For more information about Barrels by the Bay, visit www.barrelsbythebay.org. Follow us on Facebook:

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