

# RECYCLING CHAMPION NOMINATION FORM 2020

## **What makes this person or business a recycling champion? (Years of service, significant impact to recycling or community organizations benefiting)?**

Mrs. Gayle Allen has been an educator in Hampshire County for 32 years, during that time she has taught and encouraged her students and peers the value of environmental education and the importance of recycling. She is currently a Kindergarten teacher at Springfield-Green Spring Elementary. In her five years at the school she has overseen the school's participation in the plastic film recycling challenge through the Trex company. The top two schools that collect and recycle the most plastic film receive a Trex bench. To date Springfield-Green Spring Elementary has received three benches and will receive a fourth for winning the 2020 challenge for the Mid-Atlantic 0-350 student enrollment category by collecting and recycling 4,408 lbs. of plastic bags, collecting significantly more than 50 other schools.

## **Where and how are materials collected? During the school year we have parents and community individuals bring their plastic to the school.**

Mrs. Allen hauls, stores, and turns in the plastic collected in bins at the school. Mrs. Allen also encourages individuals to take their plastic to Food Lion where TREX comes to pick it up during the summer months when school is not in session.

## **What materials are collected? All plastic bags varying from grocery bags to wood pellet bags, and heavier plastic bags. See picture below.**

### **What can be recycled?**

*All plastic must be clean, dry and free of food residue.*



**Who benefits form this recycling champion?**

Mrs. Allen not only inspires her students and peers at Springfield-Green Spring Elementary, but the entire community. She keeps thousands of pounds of plastic from entering our landfills. Her continued commitment to recycling is a great example for us all.

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