

# City of Lakewood

# SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

2013

## Defender of the Planet

### Summer Jewel Marquis and Autumn Rayne Marquis



**Summer Marquis, 10**, attends Devinny Elementary School. As a leader for environmentalism in her school, Summer made lunchroom recycling her personal project after noticing that hundreds of milk cartons and other recyclables were being carelessly thrown in the trash each day. Positioning herself between the recycle and trash bins each day at lunch, Summer encourages her fellow students to recycle, and if they forget, personally moves their products from one can to the other.

Summer's sister, 7-year-old Autumn, joined the cause at the beginning of last year. Being younger and considerably shorter, Autumn has to occasionally ask her classmates to lift her up or tilt the can so that she can reach far enough into the trash to remove items.

Even the school's staff and principal admit that what Summer and Autumn do is "gross"; yet both girls do this task everyday as conscientious young environmentalists and residents of Lakewood.



#### Project Achievement Area

- Waste Reduction & Recycling
- Community Health & Engagement

