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Press Release

Environmental Research & Education Foundation Celebrates 25 Years of Sustainable Solid Waste Research and Education

Raleigh, NC (April 3, 2019) – This year, the Environmental Research & Education Foundation (EREF) is celebrating 25 years as a resource for solid waste research and education.

For 25 years, EREF's mission has remained the same: to advance research and education initiatives for sustainable solid waste management practices to benefit the waste industry and communities it serves.

From the beginning, members of the industry recognized the value of EREF's mission, with donations exceeding expectations in the first year of its existence. Thanks to the industry's continued support over the past 25 years, EREF has become one of the largest sources of funding for solid waste research in North America and has seen substantial growth.

"I have been fortunate to personally witness EREF's growth and contribute to the expansion of EREF's mission from multiple perspectives: as a scholar, as the Vice President of Environmental Programs and, for the past 8 years, as the President and CEO," said Bryan Staley. "While the organization has transformed since it was created, the ultimate goal is still to improve the industry and the environment. I am excited to see what the next 25 years have in store."

Check out a brief video on EREF's history here!

What to Look for in 2019:

- **Education Events:**
  - Recycling Workshop at WasteExpo. EREF's workshop entitled Recycling Myths, Legends and Pseudoscience: Understanding Objective Realities in Materials Recovery on May 9 will delve into the reality of recycling.
  - Summit on MSW Organics Management. This Summit, to be held July 17-18 in San Francisco, CA, will feature cutting edge research, facility tours and networking opportunities.
  - EREF Summit on PFAS Management: As a topic of great significance for both the industry and the public, the Summit seeks to facilitate discussion and provide various perspectives on the management, issues and policies related to PFAS. More information coming soon.
- **25th Annual Charitable Auction**: The Annual Charitable Auction turns 25 this year. Be a part of this exciting fundraising event at WasteExpo, which consists of a Live and Silent Auction, May 7 – 8 in Las Vegas.
- **25th Anniversary Celebration and Fall Classic**: Join EREF, October 15 & 16, in Orlando, Florida as we celebrate 25 years of the Foundation and recognize those who have played an integral role in shaping the organization into what it is now.

Help Make the Next 25 Years as Great as the Last 25!

- **Donate online**: Online donations are accepted here.
- **Support our programs**: There are a variety of ways to directly contribute to our programs, including endowed scholarships, D&P research project sponsorships, Internship in Excellence Program Corporate Partnership and more. Visit our website to learn more about these programs.

- **Spread the word**: In an effort to put our research in the hands of those who can enact change, many of our reports and educational initiatives are free or have a minimal cost. If you find our information valuable, we hope you'll spread the word!

EREF is a 501(c)3 class charity that funds and directs scientific research and educational initiatives for waste management practices to benefit industry participants and the communities they serve. For more complete information on EREF funded research, its scholarship program and how to donate to this great cause, visit erefdn.org.

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