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### **Broward County Parks & Recreation, Special Populations Section Wins Recycling Champion Award**

Fort Lauderdale, Florida - The Broward County Parks & Recreation, Special Populations Section was honored with a Recycling Champion Award from the Florida Recycling Partnership.

Miguel Solivan, the Recreation Coordinator who teaches special populations adults with developmental disabilities, created the award-winning 3R's Arts and Crafts Program. Participants come to class with recycled materials they have collected at their home or from relatives and neighbors. They then create beautiful art with the materials, and more importantly, become the leaders in their homes for recycling.

The 3R's program now includes volunteers from NOVA University and the community who work alongside the art students expanding the reach of the recycling education.

A special Recycling Champion Awards presentation took place via Zoom where Dawn McCormick, Director of Communications and Government Affairs for Waste Management and Chair of the Florida Recycling Partnership, presented the award to Miguel and his Parks & Rec team. State Senator Gary Farmer and Broward County Vice Mayor Steven Geller also attended the virtual presentation and congratulated Miguel, his students, and volunteers for their efforts.

Other attendees from the Broward County Parks & Recreation included Gayle Preston, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation; Mary Palacios, Special Populations Manager; and Anamaria Cretu, Recreation Coordinator, Special Populations Group.

Florida Recycling Partnership is a coalition of leading Florida companies and associations with the mission to educate policy makers, business leaders and the general public about the benefits of recycling. For more information about Florida Recycling Partnership, go to [www.flrecycling.org](http://www.flrecycling.org)