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Keep Sarasota County Beautiful honors Local Coffee & Tea with Extra Mile Award

SARASOTA, Fla., May 31, 2007...Local Coffee & Tea, a Sarasota coffee and tea shop dedicated to promoting local partnerships and sustainable programs, was recently honored with Keep Sarasota County Beautiful's (KSCB) "Extra Mile Award."

The Siesta Key based shop was by recognized by KSCB for:
Aggressive recycling
Reducing energy consumption
Discounts to customers who walk or bike to their establishment

The KSCB award is one of two Local Coffee & Tea has received in the past two months for its environmental commitment and programs. The first award came from Sarasota County when the shop became the first Sarasota area restaurant to receive and its Green Business Partner Certification.

Specific programs in place at Local Coffee & Tea designed to protect the local environment include:

Employees are offered daily bonuses for walking, biking or using public transportation to arrive at work

Customer Discounts are available to beach-walkers and bikers

Spent coffee grounds and tea leaves are composted

Plastic milk jugs, paper products and glass items are recycled

A portion of the old Sarasota High School gym floor was reclaimed and converted to a community table by a local artisan and is the centerpiece of the shop

All coffee is roasted locally and baked goods are purchased from local bakery

About KSCB

Keep Sarasota County Beautiful is a county-wide program who mission is to enhance and promote public interest and participation in the general improvement of the environment throughout Sarasota County. It is an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, Inc., a national, non-profit public education organization dedicated to improving waste handling practices in American communities. www.scgov.net

About Local Coffee & Tea

Local Coffee & Tea is committed to promoting local products and services, protecting local environments and celebrating local treasures. The shop is located at 5138 Ocean Boulevard in Siesta Key Village and is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 941-870-2671 or visit www.localcoffee.com for more information.

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