

Heads Up! Ink Cartridge Collection Resolution Adopted April 7, 2008

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Whereas ink and toner cartridge collection which can benefit the environment can be used to benefit the Heads Up! Foundation:

- Thousands of cartridges will be recycled and kept out of landfills. According to a study compiled by one manufacturer, approximately 200-250 million printer ribbon cartridges are disposed of each year.
- Those cartridges not being donated to other organizations can be donated to the Heads Up! Foundation where the money is used to increase awareness and provide education about craniofacial differences in children.
- The Heads Up! Foundation benefits children and parents throughout Indiana.
- The Heads Up! Foundation will schedule pick-ups on an as-needed basis making the donations easy, easy, easy.
- Numerous other organizations including Sallie Mae, Roche, White Castle and Clarion donate their cartridges to the Heads Up! Foundation.
- Participation in this program would be completely voluntary. We are only looking for cartridges that are not being donated elsewhere.
- Participating in this program supports a student organization (National Student Speech Language Hearing Association) on campus. This may also encourage other student organizations to take their recycling efforts or programs campus-wide.
- National Student Speech Language Hearing Association could be in charge of marketing this program; this would be less work for those on the counsel to do in order to implement this program.
- Centralizing this process on campus would make it even easier for all departments to get involved; effort would be minimal on faculty and staff within departments.
- Drop-off boxes within residence halls could be placed next to recycling bins/battery drop-off boxes as a "one-stop" recycling area; making this program easily accessible to students living on campus.
- The work that would be involved is already happening behind the scenes and would simply continue if this program developed campus-wide. The details of the recycling program are in place; it is just a matter of enlarging the program.

Whereas the Heads Up! Foundation is willing to provide boxes and pick-up for all cartridges collected and donated to them at no cost to the University

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council on the Environment:

endorses a voluntary campus-wide program for recycling toner & inkjet cartridges via the Heads Up! Foundation associated with Riley Children's Hospital, with campus oversight by Michael Planton (Facilities Planning & Management) and the Ball State chapter of National Student Speech Language Hearing Association supervised by Karen Thatcher, Department of Speech Pathology & Audiology.