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## **CARE Names 2013 Award Winners - Person of the Year and Recycler of the Year**

*Thomas Holland, Corporate Floors, Inc. and Wellman Plastics Recycling*

*accept awards at 12<sup>th</sup> annual conference*

**SEATTLE** – May 8, 2014 – Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE), the primary non-profit organization charged with advancing market-based solutions for carpet recycling and landfill diversion, has named its Person of the Year and Recycler of the Year for 2013. The two honors were awarded during the organization's 12<sup>th</sup> annual conference, held in Seattle on May 7-8.

### *Person of the Year*

CARE's 2014 Person of the Year, Thomas Holland, is a CARE board member and founder of Texas Carpet and Construction Recycling (TCR).

A wholly-owned subsidiary of Corporate Floors, TCR was established in 2007 as the first carpet recycling company in Texas. The organization now has a 32,000-square-foot facility where it regularly sorts, bales and grinds carpet from dozens of companies.

In 2013 alone, TCR diverted more than 1.6 million square-feet (equivalent to 803,856 pounds) of carpet from landfill. TCR also finds responsible end-of-life solutions for VCT, ceiling tiles and other post-construction materials.

In his role as a CARE Board member he has been a vocal advocate for the collector/sorter entrepreneur community, the backbone of carpet recycling industry. Thomas has worked tirelessly to find solutions to the challenges faced by the young industry. CARE Executive Director stated, "Thomas has brought a voice of reason and a sense of stability during turbulent times."

### *Recycler of the Year*

Wellman Plastics Recycling (WPR) is a CARE partner and one of North America's leading compounders and suppliers of engineering and thermoplastic resins.

WPR currently collects more than 100 million pounds of post-consumer carpet per year and processes the material into nylon, polyester and polypropylene resin products. The company is also actively developing recycling solutions for non-nylon carpet, a challenging post-consumer material.

In addition to its landfill diversion efforts, WPR has restarted and invested in several key recycling facilities, and now employs more than 700 workers.

"This year's winners aren't just good stewards of the environment, they accept historical challenges for carpet recycling and respond with tangible solutions for our industry," said Bob Peoples, executive director of CARE. "Our organization is making huge strides forward because of the influence of individuals and organizations like Thomas Holland and Wellman Plastics Recycling."

#### **About Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE)**

Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE) is a voluntary, non-profit organization dedicated to increasing the landfill diversion, reuse and recycling of waste carpet, through market-based solutions that benefit the economy as well as the environment.

Since 2002, CARE has diverted more than three billion pounds of carpet from landfills in the United States and promoted the use and development of products containing materials derived from carpet. CARE members include independent carpet recyclers, carpet manufacturers, dealers, retailers and suppliers and non-governmental organizations. For more information about CARE, visit [www.carpetrecovery.org](http://www.carpetrecovery.org).

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