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## **CELF Second Annual Students for a Sustainable Future EXPO connects students to a wide variety of real-world examples of green businesses and programs**

CHAPPAQUA – The second annual **Students for a Sustainable Future EXPO** took place this past Thursday, **April 26, 2007**, at **Pace University's Goldstein Gym**, Pleasantville campus. Developed and organized by the [Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation \(CELF\)](http://www.celfoundation.org), the event featured close to 50 exhibits from across industries, school districts, and communities. Over 1,000 students, teachers and community members participated, either as exhibitors or visitors on field trips. The EXPO was designed to introduce area students to the concept of sustainable development by exposing them to real-world examples of **green products and practices** of international, national and local companies and non-profit organizations.

Middle school and high school student groups from throughout the Lower Hudson Valley presented exhibits of their own designs on topics related to sustainable development. In addition, some of the numerous corporate, governmental and NGO exhibitors participating included (and their categories):

- Whole Foods, Equal Exchange, Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture (organic and fair trade agriculture);
- Merrill Lynch (socially responsible investing);
- Heliotronics, Johnson Controls, Juice Energy, NESEA, NYPA, The Solar Center (alternative energy related topics);
- Cameron-Cole and First Environment (environmental consulting);
- Green Seal, Shaklee and Flexi-Pave (green products and materials);
- AGSAC, Keep Putnam Beautiful/GoGreen Initiative, NYC-DEP, and Waterkeepers (green communities and habitat protection); and
- DoRight Enterprises, Grassroots Environmental Education, Pace University's Environmental Studies Program, Pace Law School Environmental Law Program, and P/NW Boces CEE (environmental/sustainability education)

A complete list of exhibitors and participants can be found on the CELF website at: [www.celfoundation.org/expo](http://www.celfoundation.org/expo) . The EXPO again included a Nike "Re-Use-a-Shoe" drop-off booth, where over 1,200 pairs of old sneakers were collected and sorted, with 360 "like-new" pairs going to shelters and the remaining returned to Nike for grinding down into playground and sportcourt materials.

Westchester County Executive Andrew Spano and Pace University Associate Dean Dr. Richard Schlesinger kicked off the EXPO Closing Ceremony. The event featured Whole Foods Market Corporate Green Mission Specialist Jennifer McDonnell, speaking on the topic of creating zero-waste environments and keynote speaker award-winning architect and designer Michael McDonough, AIA, on green building and design for reducing environmental impacts. Finally, Johnson Controls presented 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Madeline Skaller with a \$1,000 check for her school, HH Wells Middle School (Brewster, NY), and an MP3 player, courtesy of Philips, for being chosen as the NYS winner of the National Energy Foundation's National Challenge, "Igniting Creative Energy Challenge. CELF will again partner with NEF to bring students across NYS this inspiring and creative competition (co-sponsored by Johnson Controls and Philips) in 2008.

The Children's Environmental Literacy Foundation is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that collaborates with public school districts, private schools and individual teachers to raise awareness of sustainable development and to help incorporate related principles into K-12 curricula and programs. For a complete listing of CELF initiatives, including the EXPO, upcoming "[Legally Speaking](#)" Program with Pace Law School's Environmental Law Program (May 8<sup>th</sup>), and CELF's [Summer Institute for Sustainability Education](#), visit [www.celfoundation.org](http://www.celfoundation.org). For more information, contact CELF at (914) 238-4743 or e-mail [patti@celfoundation.org](mailto:patti@celfoundation.org).