

# South Baltimore Learning Center thanks Wheelabrator for 20 years of supporting adult literacy programs

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**BALTIMORE, Md. - April 1, 2011** - Wheelabrator Technologies' Baltimore waste-to-energy facility will be recognized for 20 years of supporting the South Baltimore Learning Center (SBLC) at the center's annual gala tomorrow night, the company announced today.

Wheelabrator Baltimore L.P. is one of the evening's two main honorees, along with SBLC board member Steven G. Tomczewski, a former Wheelabrator Baltimore manager who began the relationship between the two in 1993. Wheelabrator made a \$6,000 donation to the center that year, and has since then helped the center provide more than 12,000 Baltimore residents the skills they needed to find better jobs and make better lives for themselves and their families.

Wheelabrator Baltimore has donated more than \$400,000 to the center, including a \$60,000 seed grant to renovate its current home. The company also donated equipment such as computers, desks and chairs, and labor for projects such as moving furniture from the center's fourth floor. During heavy snowfall in 2009, then-facility manager Chris Leye arranged for Wheelabrator's plowing contractor to clear the Learning Center's lot. The facility hosted weekend classes in its cafeteria in 2010 when the center had a space crunch. Wheelabrator sponsor the center's annual graduation event and golf tournament fundraiser. It also plans to donate a new podium, microphone, and refrigerator in the coming months.

"Wheelabrator has been the kind of corporate partner every non-profit organization needs," said SBLC Executive Director Sonia Socha. "Their support has been a significant factor in the SBLC's long term success."

The South Baltimore Learning Center offers educational services to more than 1,300 Baltimore residents per year. In addition to ABE (Adult Basic Education), pre-GED and GED classes, and a one-on-one tutoring program, SBLC provides life skills training, career preparation services and options for pursuing college programs. SBLC is the sole authorized provider of the External Diploma Program (EDP) for Baltimore. The program allows qualified adults to earn their high school diploma with independent assignments and a flexible schedule.

"The South Baltimore Learning Center is one of the city's most important resources for offering residents a better life," said Wheelabrator Baltimore Plant Manager David Jones. "It's a proud accomplishment for us to be part of the center's success, which is the success of the thousands of people who have worked their way up through education and self-improvement. We're looking forward to many more years of working with the Learning Center to provide opportunities to Baltimore residents."

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