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**2020 SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS AWARDS NOMINEES ANNOUNCED**

TAMPA, FL – The Sustany Foundation just announced the nominees eligible for the final round of competition for the 2020 Sustainable Business Awards. Winners will be announced at a formal Green Carpet Gala award ceremony in September this year at the Historic Tampa Theatre.

This will be the 12th year for The Sustany Foundation’s hallmark event, which honors companies and organizations in the Tampa Bay area that embrace the triple bottom line. Since 2008, more than 120 businesses have received the Sustainable Business Award for their commitment to social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

Each January, the public is invited to nominate local businesses and organizations that are leading the way in sustainable practices. “This is the second year we received over 100 nominations from the open call,” said Andrea Cheney, President of the Sustany Foundation, “we are thrilled to see so many companies in the Tampa Bay area integrating sustainability into their operations.”

Nominees are then asked to complete an application to describe their efforts in the three pillars of the triple bottom line; people (social impact), planet (environmental impact) and profit (economic impact and governance). The application includes questions about energy use, recycling, purchasing policies, office products, community programs, employee programs, governance, diversity, etc.

The following nominees will be moving on to the final round:

3 Daughters Brewing

BioBag Americas, Inc

C&D Printing and Packaging

Center for Urban Transportation Research

Cherripick Inc

Coca-Cola Beverages Florida, LLC.

Connect & Propel Tampa Bay, Inc.

Crystal Clean Green Cleaning

ECHO of Brandon Inc

F45 Training Largo East

Fashion Revolution Tampa Bay

Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve

Garden Montessori school

Green Business Bureau

Habitat for Humanity ReStores (Pinellas/West Pasco)

Heartwood Preserve Conservation Cemetery

Hit Promotional Products

I Love the Burg

JMX Brands / DutchCrafters

Kforce

Lost Coast Oyster Company, LLC

Love & Pups LLC

Mikel's The Paul Mitchell Experience

Minimise USA LLC

Mother Kombucha LLC

NuCycle Energy of Tampa, LLC

Nutritious You LLC

Omega Water Sciences

Pinellas Community Compost

Port Tampa Bay

Rays Vegan Soul Plantbased Shack

Re Refill

Sans Market

Southport Financial Services, Inc.

Stonehill

Sustainable Eco-Systems LLC

T. Mims Corp

Tampa Bay Watch

The Disco Dolls Studio

The Refillery St. Pete

The Ring Workspaces

University of South Florida St. Petersburg

Urban E Recycling

Valhalla Resale, Inc.

Water Science US

Wilcox Nursery and Landscape

Wild Fish Direct, LLC

 “All of these companies and organizations should be congratulated for their efforts,” said Ms. Cheney. Many of them have even increased their community support during the current crisis.” The Sustany Foundation will be sharing some of their stories over the next few months on social media.

The winners will be selected by a third-party panel comprised of graduate students attending sustainability programs at local universities under the direction of faculty. “This is such a wonderful opportunity for the graduate students to apply their experience and education,” said Dr. Brooke Hansen, Director of Sustainable Tourism, USF Patel College of Global Sustainability. Several of her students participated in last year’s evaluation team.

Winners will be announced live at the **12th Annual Sustainable Business Awards Green Carpet Gala at the historic Tampa Theatre.** Typically held in May, the Awards have been rescheduled for September 16th this year to allow for recovery time. The event is open to the public and draws a packed house of sustainability professionals, business leaders, government officials, academia, non-profits, and like-minded community organizations and individuals. We encourage everyone to come out to support the companies and organizations in our area that are leading the way in sustainability. Come cheer on your favorite nominee!

Event Details and Registration: <https://12th-anuual-sustainable-business-awards-tickets.eventbrite.com>

Award Details: <https://sustany.org/awards/>

**About Sustany:** Founded in 2007 as a 501c3 non-profit, the Sustany Foundation is dedicated to advancing sustainability initiatives in the Tampa Bay region and has served as the leading resource for the sustainable business community for over a decade. Through education, collaboration and impactful programs, Sustany promotes environmental stewardship and social responsibility to protect and preserve our unique quality of life in Tampa Bay, now and for future generations. Visit [www.sustany.org](http://www.sustany.org) to learn more.

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