



Gershow Gives Back to the Community

Gershow believes how it acts reflects directly on its customers and, therefore, it plays an active role in the community. The company helps fund grassroots environmental programs that promote recycling and environmental conservation and also supports several community and youth programs.

Scrap Metal Donations

Gershow makes regular donations of the use of its vehicles and aluminum scrap, and provides the use of its facilities to local fire and ambulance companies for training exercises.

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Scholarships

Gershow provides scholarships to several graduating students each year pursuing degrees in engineering or environmental science.

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Sam Gershowitz Receives ISRI Lifetime Achievement Award

Sam Gershowitz, the founder and owner of Gershow Recycling, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. (ISRI). The award is given to someone in the scrap recycling industry for their significant contributions to recycling.

Mr. Gershowitz started working at an early age, holding three to four jobs while attending high school. His first job was delivering cases of soda to families in apartment buildings. He later sold corrugated boxes and imported hardware for hardware stores and casket makers, then tanned furs for a furrier. During the winter, he signed up as an emergency worker with the New York City Sanitation Department.



Sam Gershowitz

As a young man who spent his weekends driving out to the Hamptons, Mr. Gershowitz noticed junk cars, old appliances and scrap metal left along the roadways. He recognized that Long Island had a solid waste problem and that something could be done about it.

In 1964, Mr. Gershowitz started Gershow Recycling. He started mining junk cars out of municipal landfills, paying a dollar for each car he pulled out. He opened his first location in Central Islip and made his brother, Lou, his business partner. Together, they built their own car flattener. The cars were crushed, then sold to local scrap dealers at a profit.

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Gershow Donates Use of Wrecked Vehicle to Town of Huntington for Anti-Drunk and Distracted Driving Campaign



Last December, Gershow Recycling donated the use of a wrecked car in support of an anti-drunk and distracted driving campaign presented by Huntington Town Councilman Mark Cuthbertson. The program was created to remind residents of the dangers of drunk and distracted driving during the holidays.

Gershow President Kevin Gershowitz (standing behind podium) speaks during a press conference announcing the Town of Huntington's anti-drunk and distracted driving campaign. Also pictured (left to right): Suffolk County Police Officer William Scrima; Huntington Town Supervisor Chad Lupinacci; Town Council Members Mark Cuthbertson and Edmund J.M. Smyth; William Holden, whose wife, Karen Holden, was killed by a drunk driver; Ms. Holden's friend, Joanne Sperando; Ms. Holden's sister, Lynne Rogers Pallmeyer; and Ms. Holden's cousin, Liisa Anderson. (Photo Courtesy of the Town of Huntington)

Gershow Recycling Sponsors "Metal for Tesla" Event Collects 30,000 Pounds of Scrap; Proceeds to Support Cleanup of Tesla Science Center Property



Pictured (left to right): Gershow Account Executive Dave Seiler, Tesla Science Center Chief Operating Officer Douglas Borge, Volunteer Paul Rosa, Board Member Eugene Genova and Volunteers Dan Black, Judy Black, Jeff Brown and Karl Sidenius.

Gershow Recycling was a sponsor of the "Metal for Tesla" scrap metal fundraiser at the Tesla Science Center at Wardenclyffe (TSCW) in Shoreham on March 20. During the event, Gershow collected 30,000 pounds of scrap metal, which wound up being recycled and kept out of landfills. Through the fundraiser and donations made by Gershow, \$9,500 was raised to support the organization. Proceeds went to support renovations at Wardenclyffe, which is the site of the only remaining laboratory of the famous inventor, Nikola Tesla. In addition to its sponsorship of the event, Gershow provided the use of a scrap metal container and handed out hats, magnets, sweatshirts and brochures to those in attendance.

Gershow Recycling Grants Environmental Conservation Scholarships

For the 13th year in a row, Gershow Recycling presented its one-time, \$1,000 Environmental Conservation Scholarships to local high school students. This year's recipients were Sean Pinto-Escalante (Bellport High School), Khandekar Hussain (Bay Shore High School), Kaitlyn Taveras (Lindenhurst High School), Claire Sweezy (Patchogue-Medford High School), Ryan Kay (Valley Stream Central High School), Issiz Herrera Manchame (Freeport High School), Elisa Hustedt (Walt Whitman High School), Preethi Krishnamoorthy (Herricks High School), Amanda Heaslip (Longwood High School), Viktoria Skobodzinski (Riverhead High School), and O'dell Bartholomew (Frederick Douglass Academy VII High School).

Gershow continued to partner with the Patchogue-Medford community by offering the Gershow Recycling/Medford Chamber of Commerce Scholarship to a student who intends to study environmental science, recycling or business. This year's recipient of the one-time, \$1,000 scholarship was Noah Smith of Patchogue-Medford High School.

This year, Gershow also presented the Gershow Recycling/Medford Taxpayers & Civic Association Scholarship and the Gershow Recycling/Medford Fire Department Scholarship. The recipient of these one-time, \$1,000 scholarships was Lindsey Nicole Piquet of Patchogue-Medford High School.

Enclosed are some of the photos of Gershow managers with the scholarship recipients.



O'dell Bartholomew



Preethi Krishnamoorthy



Khandekar Hussain



Gershow Donates Turkeys to Families in Need through NYC First Responders

Last November, in celebration of Thanksgiving, Gershow's Brooklyn location purchased turkeys to donate as a community service. First responders then distributed the turkeys to local families in need. Pictured below are the police and fire department units that participated.



FDNY Engine 332/Ladder 175 at Bradford Street.



FDNY Engine 231/Ladder 120 at Watkins Street.



FDNY Engine 290/Ladder 103 "Pride of Sheffield Avenue."



FDNY Rescue Squad 252.



NYPD 73rd Precinct.



NYPD 75th Precinct and Emergency Service Unit.

Gershow Recycling Donates Use of Junk Car to Sayville High School SADD Chapter



Pictured (left to right): Gershow Manager Jonathan Abrams, Sayville High School Principal Thomas Hoffer, and Sayville High School SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Vice President Aidan McCullough, President Erin Henn, and Advisor Margie Dashiell.

In support of local schools and the community, Gershow Recycling donated the use of a junk car to the Sayville High School SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) chapter. The car serves as a reminder to students to drive safely.

The junk car was on display in front of the school to show students the consequences of driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs, as well as the dangers of driving while distracted by texting or talking on cell phones. The Sayville SADD chapter thanked Gershow for its assistance and its use of the vehicle.

Gershow Launches Clunkers Into Cash Website



Gershow Recycling has launched a new website, Clunkers Into Cash, which makes it simple and easy to sell your junk car. Just fill out an online form or call (631) 371-2031 with details about your vehicle. One of Gershow's knowledgeable junk car buyers will provide you with the best possible cash offer and schedule a convenient date and time for a free pickup of your vehicle.

To learn more about Clunkers Into Cash, visit www.clunkersintocash.com.

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In 1974, Mr. Gershowitz opened a new location in Medford. Since then, under his leadership, Gershow expanded to nine locations with over 750 employees. The company has made numerous improvements over the years, including the development of its headquarters, the electrification of the shredder and new recycling equipment.

In addition to his business, Mr. Gershowitz has been very active in the community. He has supported the Strang Cancer Prevention Institute and the fund drive for the Southampton Hospital's Montauk Medical Center. He also worked with the Suffolk County Board of Rabbis to provide funding for a menorah display at Islip MacArthur Airport for Hanukkah.

"I wish to thank ISRI for bestowing this honor on me and recognizing Gershow Recycling."

Mr. Gershowitz said, "Like Gershow, our industry has come a long way since 1964. I feel today we are recognized as a vital part of the American economy, American industry and America's manufacturing industry, and we are also key to maintaining and improving our environment. We have quite a lot to be proud of and we know we go to work each day with the gratification that we are making a positive impact, not only in our local communities, but in making our world a better, cleaner place to live in."



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