

Young entrepreneurs receive Mayor's Award for their recycling business

On Tuesday Jan. 21, Costa Mesa Mayor Katrina Foley presented the Mayor's Award to two young entrepreneurs, siblings Zoe and Zac, who are using their recycling business to contribute to local charities.

"Tonight I am proud to present the Mayor's Award to two young members of our community who demonstrate that a combination of entrepreneurial spirit with environmental consciousness can truly start at any age," Mayor Foley said. "Thank you Zac and Zoe for making a difference here in Costa Mesa."

A few years ago, with the help of their family, eight year-old Zoe and her six year-old brother Zac started their own recycling collection business called Z & Z Recycling, Inc.

Over the years their collection efforts have grown, and their contribution to the community doesn't end there. Zac and Zoe's business model includes donating half of their proceeds to local charities.

The siblings are able to be successful with the help of their parents, uncle and grandparents and their network of recycling neighbors who all pitch in to save their bottles and cans and assist Zoe and Zac in fulfilling their socially responsible mission.

Click below to watch a video of Zoe and Zac.