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BottlesUp Joins Green Chamber of the South

Company's Reusable Glass Water Bottle Has Lowest Carbon Footprint in the Industry

June 5, 2011, Bluffton, S.C. – <u>BottlesUp</u>, the company described as the "clean side of green" joined the <u>Green Chamber of the South</u>, a nonprofit dedicated to the growth and success of sustainable business in the Southeast. BottlesUp is the maker of an award-winning reusable glass water bottle with the lowest carbon footprint in the industry.

"Joining the Green Chamber of the South offers us the opportunity to connect with other like-minded businesses dedicated to building sustainable businesses," said Laurel Herter, founder, BottlesUp. "There is proof positive that you can build environmentally-responsible companies that are good for our health, good for the planet, and good for the bottom line."

BottlesUp currently offers a sturdy 22-ounce glass water bottle, designed by an acclaimed glass artist and 100% sourced in North America. Each individual bottle is created from a minimum of 75% recycled glass using ancient techniques in a modern glass-making facility in Mexico. The bottles are enhanced by colorful foodgrade silicone caps and grippers made in Maine. BottlesUp's bottles are free of known toxins including Bisphenol-A (BPA), phthalates, Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC), and polycarbonates that research has shown can compromise human health. There is zero plastic in the product or packaging. BottlesUp reusable glass water bottle was a finalist for Best New Product Design in the Global Innovation Awards at the 2011 International Home + Housewares Show.

In addition to membership in the Green Chamber of the South, BottlesUp is a member of the <u>Hilton Head</u> <u>Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce</u> and the global nonprofit, <u>1% For the Planet</u>.

About the Green Chamber of the South

Founded in 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia, the Green Chamber of the South supports the growth and success of sustainable business and encourages innovation and adoption of clean technology. It's a non-profit organization working to make the Southeast the center of sustainable business in the United States. www.greencs.org

About BottlesUp

Founded in 2009, <u>BottlesUp</u> and its products and accessories are the creation of <u>Laurel Herter Design</u>, a nationally acclaimed architectural art glass studio that has been in business for more than thirty years. Artist Laurel Herter has designed a line of portable glass water bottles made from recycled glass turning a disposable item into an art object that can be endlessly reused. Concerned about the health and environmental hazards of plastic, the solution was right there in her studio – design a glass water bottle that combines function *and* beauty. You can learn more about our company on our website: <u>www.bottlesupglass.com</u> or on our blog: <u>www.glassisback.com</u>. Glass is back.

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Editor's Notes:

High-resolution images of the bottles are available by request or on the company website.

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