Rochester Hills’ Sister City Receives Sanitation Truck Donation

Rochester Hills, MI - The Sister City of Rochester Hills, Tuzi, Montenegro, is the recipient of a 2002 25 yard Mack Rear Load sanitation truck thanks to the generosity of GFL Environmental Inc. GFL, Green For Life, became aware of the need for waste hauling assistance in the city through its relationship with Rochester Hills Mayor Bryan K. Barnett.

“It's one of the most interesting and fulfilling connections I’ve been able to make in my time as Mayor,” stated Barnett. “I became aware of an urgent need for waste hauling support in our Sister City and wanted to find a way to help.”

“I placed a call to Pat Dovigi, GFL’s President and CEO, and explained the situation,” said Barnett. GFL provides all solid waste and yard waste services for single-family homes in Rochester Hills.

“Pat said he’d take a look at his fleet and just a few days later, we were notified that Tuzi would be the recipient of a truck previously used for yard waste collection. Needless to say, we were thrilled to make a connection between Tuzi and GFL and even more excited for the residents in our Sister City who will now benefit from the service of this truck.”

Dovigi stated, “GFL is committed to corporate and social responsibility and we were pleased to be able to help. This truck was just completing its service to GFL and it’s great that another community can put it to use.”

The members of St. Paul Albanian Catholic Church in Rochester Hills raised the funds necessary to transport the truck from Rochester Hills to Montenegro, located just north of Albania on the Adriatic Sea.

Nik Gjeloshaj, Mayor of Tuzi, expressed his deep appreciation. “I am so thankful for this generous donation and what it will do for our community. The need has never been greater. I am also grateful to Mayor Barnett and the City of Rochester Hills who have been a faithful, long-standing partner of ours.”

“This donation is both a physical and psychological gift. Obviously, the physical donation of the truck will be of great help to Tuzi. But the truck is also a symbol to the residents that their Sister City cares about them - that others are offering their help,” said Fr. Frederik Kalaj, Pastor at St. Paul Albanian Church.

Church member Frank Ivezaj stated, “I would like to again thank Mayor Barnett for his support in making the truck donation a reality. It’s remarkable and extremely helpful to all of us.”

GFL donated the truck in December and it will be transported to Tuzi in the weeks ahead. No taxpayer dollars were expended as a part of this unique donation.

Established in 1984, the City of Rochester Hills is a prosperous community offering residents and businesses superior services. Voted one of the top places to live by several sources including CNNMoney magazine, Rochester Hills is committed to sustaining its position among the nation’s preeminent places to live, work and raise a family. Through the city’s focus on health, education, and technology, the community continues to attract forward-thinking leaders and businesses.
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