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**Bradenton Woman Singled Out for Environmental Leadership  
*Honoree Receives Audubon/Toyota TogetherGreen Fellowship***

New York, NY, November 19, 2009-A Bradenton, Florida woman is the recipient of a national fellowship designed to advance the work of individuals with outstanding leadership potential to help shape a brighter environmental future.

Julie Childers Henry is one of 40 individuals nationwide selected as a 2009 *TogetherGreen* Fellow. The *TogetherGreen* Fellowship offers specialized training in conservation planning and execution, the chance to work and share best practices with gifted conservation professionals, and assistance with project outreach and evaluation. Each Fellow receives \$10,000 towards a community-focused project to engage local residents in conserving land, water and energy, and contributing to greater environmental health.

For her fellowship, Henry will work through Conservation Enterprises Unlimited to create a program that helps people act on their concern for the environment: “Wild Carbon.” Through partnerships with groups already working on educational outreach, wildlife habitat protection and carbon offsetting, the Wild Carbon project will provide a compelling way for people, specifically small businesses, to reduce the climatic impacts of their energy use and make a measurable difference to wildlife in need. This project addresses both current and future conservation needs, since carbon offsetting improves the environment today through habitat restoration and protects our future environment by mitigating climate change.

Henry currently serves as the Director of USA activities and projects for Conservation Enterprises Unlimited, a global network of professionals which bring international expertise blended with local attention to each project. In that capacity, she facilitates projects involving conservation strategy, community engagement, green business coaching, training and strategic planning for clients in Australia, Canada, and the US.

“Julie is the kind of person who can make a real difference in the health of our environment and the quality of our future,” said Audubon President John Flicker. “Each of our *TogetherGreen* Fellows demonstrates exceptional environmental understanding and commitment, combined with tremendous potential to inspire and lead others. Together, they represent the talented and diverse leadership the environmental community will need to tackle the huge challenges and opportunities confronting us now and in the years to come.”

”The *TogetherGreen* Fellowship offers a unique opportunity to receive guidance and exchange expertise with conservation leaders from across the country as we work to positively impact our local communities for the future,” said Henry.

Henry has been affiliated with Conservation Enterprises Unlimited since early 2008. Half of the *TogetherGreen* Fellows come from within Audubon's far-reaching national network; half channel their environmental efforts through other organizations.

Henry received her Masters in communication from the University of South Florida, a Postgraduate Diploma in outdoor education from the University of Otago in New Zealand, and dual Bachelor degrees in zoology and secondary education from Miami University of Ohio. Henry served as a Rotary cultural ambassador to Australia and New Zealand and she previously held leadership positions at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay, Mote Marine Laboratory, and John G. Shedd Aquarium.

A distinguished advisory committee- composed of conservation professionals and experts in environmental education, communications, outreach, and conservation planning-selected the fellowship beneficiaries from a competitive pool of scores of highly qualified individuals. Qualified applicants must have at least six years of experience in conservation, environmental education, policy, or environmental issues, as demonstrated through current and past work experience, academic studies related to conservation, and/or volunteer work. Candidates must have a passion for conservation, the desire to learn and grow, and demonstrate a proven ability in reaching previously unengaged audiences.

"We must engage the best and brightest leaders representing the broadest and most diverse communities in this country to solve our ever more complex conservation challenges," said Diane Wood, President, National Environmental Education Foundation. "TogetherGreen is a creative program that uncovers such leaders, nurtures their talents, supports their dedication to conservation and holds them up to inspire others to follow."

A complete list of the 2009 *TogetherGreen* Fellows can be found at [www.TogetherGreen.org/fellows](http://www.TogetherGreen.org/fellows).

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#### **About *TogetherGreen***

Audubon and Toyota launched the five-year *TogetherGreen* initiative in 2008 to build the promise of a greener, healthier future through innovation, leadership and volunteerism. To date, 80 environmental leaders-half from within Audubon and half from outside organizations-have received *TogetherGreen* Fellowships to protect land, water, and energy resources nationwide. For more information, visit [www.togethergreen.org](http://www.togethergreen.org).

#### **About Audubon**

Now in its second century, Audubon connects people with birds, nature and the environment that supports us all. Our national network of community-based nature centers, chapters, scientific, education, and advocacy programs engages millions of people from all walks of life in conservation action to protect and restore the natural world. Visit Audubon online at [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org).

#### **About Toyota**

Toyota (NYSE: TM) established operations in the United States in 1957 and currently operates 10 manufacturing plants. Toyota is committed to being a good corporate citizen in the communities where it does business and believes in supporting programs with long-term sustainable results. Toyota supports numerous organizations across the country, focusing on education, the environment and safety. Since 1991, Toyota has contributed more than \$464

million to philanthropic programs in the U.S. For more information on Toyota's commitment to improving communities nationwide, visit [www.toyota.com/community](http://www.toyota.com/community).