

Marcus Chandler, owner of Sunrise Recycling Services, became interested in environmental sustainability while assisting with the campus recycling program at Middle Tennessee State University. He recognized the difference that recycling made not only on campus, but in the overall community, as well. Being a native of West Tennessee, he noted the lack of recycling programs in the Jackson area and decided to do something about it. In 2010, he returned to Jackson and launched a curbside recycling program in an attempt to raise awareness of the importance of recycling and increase overall participation in the community.

In November of 2010, Marcus began working with other area businesses and organizations to provide a city-wide electronics recycling event for the Jackson community. To date, Sunrise Recycling Services has been involved with four successful recycling events, collecting over 200,000 lbs of electronics from the West Tennessee area. In October of 2011, Marcus was appointed as a board member of Keep Jackson Beautiful. He also serves the community through his sponsorship of Area Relief Ministries of Jackson, TN and provision of free recycling services for city and nonprofit events upon request. He can be reached at marcus@recyclejackson.com.