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**BRIDGE STREET MERCHANTS DONATE \$200 TO THE SBEP**

(Photo shows Sara Kane (left) with the SBEP receiving a check from Caryn Hodge representing the Bridge Street Merchants)

**SARASOTA, FL** – The Bridge Street Merchants on Anna Maria Island donated \$200 recently to the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program. The donated funds came from the popular Bridge Street Beach-to-Bay Eco Day held in Bradenton Beach on March 27. The community event featured 135 vendors offering diverse products, go green seminars, live music, a food court, and kayak demonstrations and seminars.

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***The Sarasota Bay Estuary Program** is dedicated to restoring the area's greatest natural asset—Sarasota Bay. Its unique program strives to improve water quality, increase habitat and enhance the natural resources of the area for use and enjoyment by the public. Sarasota Bay is one of 28 estuaries in the United States that have been named by the U.S. Congress as an "estuary of national significance." Partners include Sarasota County, Manatee County, City of Sarasota, City of Bradenton, Town of Longboat Key, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest Florida Water Management District, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.*