



# 2021 Contra Costa Leadership in Sustainability Awards





# Central San congratulates this year's winners of the Contra Costa Leadership in Sustainability Awards.



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to be a Visionary Partner of Sustainable Contra Costa

## Leadership in Sustainability Awards 2021

Dear Friends and Partners,

We are grateful for each of you who are all-in when it comes to cultivating healthy, supportive, resilient communities and leaving our children a beautiful planet to enjoy for generations to come. It's citizens, businesses, organizations, and leaders like you who play a critical role in influencing our future – leading by example, sharing solutions, and inspiring others.

Thank you to Central San, Contra Costa Green Business Program, Sustainable Contra Costa's Partners and our community of supporters for helping us build resiliency through widespread outreach, education, and connection. Together, we've helped tens of thousands of individuals incorporate sustainability into their everyday lives and we provide workshops, tools, and resources that empower people to save energy and water, reduce waste, and build strong communities – things that are also good for our wallets and planet.

We couldn't be prouder of our Sustainable Leaders In Action "SLIA" – Sustainable Contra Costa's new youth-led team of 45+ high school and college students who are mobilizing action in response to the growing climate and socio-economic crisis. SLIA provides local youth with opportunities to develop their knowledge and professional skills and build camaraderie.

Thank you for being on our team of "solutionaries" who spread hope and inspire others to join us on the path toward ecologically sustainable, economically vibrant, and socially just communities for all.

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Tina and the SCOCO Team







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## 2021 Contra Costa Leadership in Sustainability Awards

September 22th, 7:00pm

### Event Schedule

- 7:00 Welcome and Introductions - County Supervisor John Gioia & Tina Neuhausel
- 7:10 Conversation with special guest Andrew Gunther
- 7:30 SCOCO & Team; SLIA; Volunteer of the Year; Cleaner Contra Costa Progress & Top Clean Teams
- 7:45 Sustainable Contra Costa Auction & Fundraiser
- 8:00 Central Contra Costa Sanitary District Pollution Prevention Awards
- 8:15 Contra Costa Green Business Program presentations
- 8:20 Leadership In Sustainability Awards presented by Contra Costa County Supervisors John Gioia & Federal Glover
- 8:45 Wrap-up and Fundraiser reminder
- 8:50 Good Night!

*The physical Sustainability Awards that each winner receives are Plates With Purpose™, with a handcrafted design by Riverside Design Group. The business operates out of an energy-efficient, LEED certified building using recyclable and sustainable materials that include glass with recycled content and lightweight, recycled shipping materials to keep our carbon footprint low. 15% of the proceeds from Plates With Purpose™ benefit nonprofit organizations.*

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## Who We Are

Sustainable Contra Costa (SCOCO) is a community of citizens, organizers, leaders and educators working together to inspire healthy, connected and regenerative communities for all, since 2008.

We are so grateful for the many individuals and organizations that participate and team-up with SCOCO to carry out our work. We are especially thankful for the dedication and contributions of the following individuals who have made our programs possible this year: Marijana Belton, Amanda Casey, Alison Clary, Jennifer DeVinney, Jaime D'Urso, Jim Gunshinan, Ella Heydenfeldt, Michael Low, Colleen Noland, Ingrid Owen, Courtney Sanchez, Gautham Sathisan, Rena Wang, Illana Weisman, Mark Westwind, Marian Woodard, Veronica Yoo, Alexi Lindeman and SLIA Interns Alison Chiu, Mia Jiang, Sarah Khan, Stella Lin, Britnee Stephen, Abigail Stofer, Joey & Kyle Suen, and ALL the SLIA members.

## Volunteer of the Year

We are excited and grateful to recognize Alexi Lindeman as Volunteer of the Year for her tremendous work supporting SCOCO's youth programs this year.

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[www.sustainablecoco.org](http://www.sustainablecoco.org)





# 2020-2021 Accomplishments

*Inspiring Healthy, Connected, and Regenerative Communities for All Since 2008*



An online resource for local households to calculate their carbon footprint, save water, energy, and money with local resources, and track their household and community's progress. SCOCO staff supports individuals and teams to encourage widespread action and reduce carbon emissions in Contra Costa County.

1780 HOUSEHOLDS  
HAVE JOINED

120 EVENTS REACHING  
5,900 PEOPLE

53,000 PEOPLE POWERED  
ACTIONS SINCE 2012

## PARTICIPANTS SAVED

1,035,800 GALLONS  
OF WATER

16,270 GALLONS  
OF GAS

540 TONS  
OF CO<sub>2</sub>



## Leadership in Sustainability Awards

These annual awards showcase the "solutionaries" who demonstrate outstanding commitment & innovation in sustainability

90 HONORED INDIVIDUALS,  
ORGANIZATIONS, AND  
BUSINESSES SINCE 2009

## Home Energy Upgrade Rebates & Resources

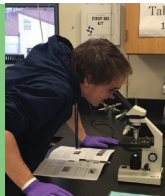
In-person and online workshops for the BayREN program providing energy efficiency upgrade education.

900  
WORKSHOP  
ATTENDEES  
IN 2019 & 2020

## Water Awareness for Youth

Teaching grade school and high school students on behalf of Central San about the systems that provide clean, fresh water to their communities and process wastewater back into the environment.

1000 PRE-K THROUGH 5th  
STUDENTS REACHED  
IN 2019 & 2020



## SCOCO Network

A growing community of residents, businesses, and organizations that connect with each other to post events, start groups, and share ideas for creating a healthy and resilient Contra Costa. Join us at: [www.SustainableCoco.net](http://www.SustainableCoco.net)

OVER  
925  
MEMBERS



## Sustainability LIVE

A monthly series of fun and engaging online programs to reach and empower a broader audience.

13 EPISODES

530  
VIEWERS

## SUSTAINABLE LEADERS IN ACTION

Our new youth leadership team, cultivating a network of next-generation activists and providing Contra Costa youth with opportunities for professional development and camaraderie.

45-60  
STUDENTS

*We are organizers, conveners, leaders, innovators, and educators, passionate about sustainability, and guided by the One Planet Living Principles.*



For more information please visit: [sustainablecoco.org](http://sustainablecoco.org)

There are many ways you can help us create a more sustainable Contra Costa. Whether you have an hour, a day, or some dedicated time throughout the year, we welcome your participation!

- **Nominate a business**, individual, government program, school, or nonprofit for the Leadership in Sustainability Awards or Green Building Awards.
- **Donate to support** SCOCO's programs at [SustainableCoCo.org](http://SustainableCoCo.org), or approach your employer about doing so. It is your support that makes our work possible.
- **Volunteer on a committee** and contribute to the development and execution of our projects! For a full description of our volunteer opportunities, look us up on [VolunteerMatch.org](http://VolunteerMatch.org).
- **Help plan**, produce and publicize events.
- **Assist with fundraising**, graphic design, website development, writing, research, editing, data entry, or outreach to the public about ways to live a more sustainable lifestyle.
- **Participate in** our hands-on workshops, attend an online program, or join the Cleaner Contra Costa Challenge and pledge your actions.
- **Connect and share** on the SCOCO Network at [SustainableCoCo.ning.com](http://SustainableCoCo.ning.com).

Have questions or an interest in supporting our work? Please contact us at [info@sustainablecoco.org](mailto:info@sustainablecoco.org). We look forward to hearing from you!

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# 2021 POLLUTION PREVENTION AWARD WINNERS



**C**ongratulations to this year's Pollution Prevention Award Winners and Recycled Water Champions! These local businesses, organizations, and individuals are leaders in environmental protection. We are proud to commend them for making a difference in our community.

## POLLUTION PREVENTION PARTNERS



### Lafayette School District Lafayette

The Lafayette School District went above and beyond this past school year to support their students. By partnering with Central San's distance learning programs, they ensured that every elementary student across the entire school district—all 2,094 of them—got to experience hands-on wastewater science. This monumental achievement would not have been possible without the science specialist teachers from the district's four elementary schools: Jonathan Winter, Cathy Bornfleth, Mallory Pierce, Molly Shannon, and Scott Westphal.



### Pharmaceutical Disposal Partners

<b>Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff</b>	<b>City of Martinez</b>
<b>City of Clayton</b>	<b>Town of Moraga</b>
<b>City of Concord</b>	<b>City of Orinda</b>
<b>Town of Danville</b>	<b>City of Pleasant Hill</b>
<b>City of Lafayette</b>	<b>City of San Ramon</b>
	<b>City of Walnut Creek</b>

Starting in February 2009, Central San partnered with ten cities and the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff to provide pharmaceutical disposal bins within our service area. The bins, located at City and County facilities, provided a safe and convenient place for households to dispose of their unwanted or expired medications, keeping them out of the water environment. Since the program's inception, more than 149,000 pounds of pharmaceutical waste have been collected.





## POLLUTION PREVENTION AWARD WINNERS

### City Center Bishop Ranch

#### San Ramon

Before City Center Bishop Ranch broke ground on their new multi-use development, they considered the water environment in their design. Architects and engineers met with Central San early to properly design the sanitary sewer and stormwater systems at the site. Today, the collaboration between Central San and City Center continues, ensuring compliant operations. Collaborative relationships such as this are critical to preventing pollution and protecting local waterways.



Ashley Lyons, Chuck Martinez, Marilou Jocson

### O'Brien Iron Works Concord

O'Brien Iron Works practices pollution prevention in multiple ways. They use an oil in their machinery that produces less waste, they do not discharge any wastewater to the sanitary sewer, and they cover all of their exterior waste containers to prevent storm drain pollution. These simple actions add up to a big win for the environment.



# RECYCLED WATER CHAMPIONS



## RECYCLED WATER CITIZEN CHAMPION

**Thom Sullivan  
Martinez**

From July 2020 to June 2021, Thom Sullivan visited Central San's recycled water fill station 248 times. But it's his commitment to recycled water that makes him stand out. Since he does not have a vehicle that can handle a large water container, he picks up about 40 gallons per visit in 5-gallon plastic water jugs. Way to go, Thom!



*Ananthan Kanagasundaram and Pleasant Hill Mayor Sue Noack.*

## RECYCLED WATER BUSINESS CHAMPION

**Pleasant Hill Library  
Pleasant Hill**

The brand new Pleasant Hill Library will have lots of changes when it fully reopens, including one big change underground. The City of Pleasant Hill recently extended the length of purple pipe that brings recycled water from Central San to the community. This recycled water will be used for landscaping and beautification at the new library building. Kudos to Pleasant Hill for their ongoing commitment to using recycled water!

# WATER QUALITY COMMUNITY PARTNERS

(as of June 30, 2021)



The following community partners are recognized for maintaining full compliance with their Central Contra Costa Sanitary District sewer discharge permit, preventing pollution and protecting water quality.

## 21 YEARS

- Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District, Concord

## 16 YEARS

- Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, Forensic Science Laboratories, Walnut Creek

## 13 YEARS

- Acalanes Union High School District Maintenance Facility, Moraga

## 12 YEARS

- Aquarius Pool & Spa, Walnut Creek

## 11 YEARS

- The CONCO Companies, Martinez
- Del Monte Foods Research Center, Walnut Creek
- Ising's Culligan Water Systems, San Ramon

## 10 YEARS

- Gold Coin Car Wash, Concord
- Gold Coin Car Wash, San Ramon
- John Muir Medical Center, Walnut Creek

## 8 YEARS

- San Ramon Valley Unified School District Maintenance Facility, San Ramon

## 7 YEARS

- Central Contra Costa Transit Authority, Concord
- Contra Costa Newspapers, Concord
- SFPP, L.P., Concord

## 6 YEARS

- PG&E San Ramon Technology Center, San Ramon
- 7 Flags Car Wash, Martinez

## 5 YEARS

- Copart, Inc., Martinez
- Independent Construction, Concord
- Kwik-N-Easy Car Wash, Concord
- Six Flags Hurricane Harbor, Concord

## 4 YEARS

- John Muir Medical Center, Concord
- Sierra Pacific Tours, Pacheco

## 3 YEARS

- BART Concord Shop, Concord
- Herc Rentals, Pacheco
- SFPP, L.P. - Area IV Ground Water Extraction Treatment System, Concord
- So Kwik Car Wash, Concord
- The Luxury Collection, Walnut Creek
- TransMontaigne Operating Company, L.P., Martinez

## 2 YEARS

- Bay Cities Paving & Grading, Concord
- BMW Concord, Concord
- Cerus Corp., Concord
- Contra Costa County Detention Facility, Martinez
- Fresenius Medical Care, Concord
- Kaiser Permanente, Walnut Creek
- San Ramon Regional Medical Center, San Ramon
- SEG Trucking, Concord
- St. Mary's College, Moraga
- Walnut Creek Ford, Walnut Creek

## 1 YEAR

- Geronimo's Professional Auto Detailing, Walnut Creek
- Mercedes-Benz of Walnut Creek, Walnut Creek
- Military Ocean Terminal Concord, Concord
- Mt. Diablo Unified School District Maintenance Facility, Concord
- Syston Donner Inertial, Inc., Concord



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# 2021 CONTRA COSTA GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM RECOGNITION

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**The Contra Costa Green Business Program would like to recognize all new and recertified businesses for their commitment to the environment and contribution to cleaner, healthier communities! Congratulations!**



*The Contra Costa Green Business Program is part of the California Green Business Network, which leads the state and nation in working with small to medium sized businesses to grow a vibrant and healthy green economy.*

*Together with our Program Partners, our program assists and certifies businesses that comply with environmental regulations and meet program standards for saving water, conserving energy, preventing pollution and minimizing waste.*

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Recognized (efficiency) businesses meet 13 core requirements.

## Recognized (Efficiency) Businesses

Bizee Body Promotions, Concord  
Visit Concord, Concord

Certified businesses meet extensive core and elective requirements. Businesses receive a certificate and may use the green business logo. Businesses are re-certified every four years.

## New & Re-Certified Businesses

EBMUD Castaneda Service Yard, San Ramon (NEW Certification)  
EBMUD North Area Service Center, Richmond (4 years)  
Crown Dental Care, El Cerrito (5 years)  
West County Wastewater District, Richmond (5 years)  
Nutiva, Richmond (7 years)  
Hanson Bridgett, LLP, Walnut Creek (8 years)  
Hero Arts, Richmond (12 years)  
D&D Integrated Solutions, Concord (14 years)  
Hospital Systems, Pittsburg (14 years)  
Red Oak Realty (El Cerrito), El Cerrito (14 years)  
EBMUD Walnut Creek WTP, Walnut Creek (15 years)



The Green Business Program would not be possible without the support from our **Program Partners**. **Thank you!**



## About the Sustainability Awards

The Contra Costa Leadership in Sustainability Awards honor those who demonstrate outstanding commitment, leadership and contributions to practicing and promoting sustainability. Nominations are accepted throughout the year at [SustainableCoCo.org](http://SustainableCoCo.org). Nominees are evaluated on how well their actions reflect these basic areas of sustainability: Environmental Health, Social Health and Well-being, and Economic Prosperity. They are also evaluated on their: uniqueness, scope of involvement and impact in the community, level of organization-wide involvement, ability to serve as a model for others, and partnerships and collaborations. Winners are announced at the annual Awards Gala.

**One Planet Living:** Sustainable Contra Costa has committed to aligning all of our programs with the One Planet Living Principles. One Planet Living is an initiative of Bioregional that holds a vision of a world in which people enjoy happy, healthy lives within their fair share of the earth's resources, leaving space for wildlife and wilderness. The Ten Principles provide an easy-to-use framework that can help anyone, anywhere, to plan, deliver and communicate sustainability.

In the description of each award winner you will see icons that represent the One Planet Living principles that align most closely with their work.

	<b>Health and happiness</b>	Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing
	<b>Equity and local economy</b>	Creating safe, equitable places to live and work which support local prosperity and international fair trade
	<b>Culture and community</b>	Nurturing local identity and heritage, empowering communities and promoting a culture of sustainable living
	<b>Land and nature</b>	Protecting and restoring land for the benefit of people and wildlife
	<b>Sustainable water</b>	Using water efficiently, protecting local water resources and reducing flooding and drought
	<b>Local and sustainable food</b>	Promoting sustainable humane farming and healthy diets high in local, seasonal organic food and vegetable protein
	<b>Travel and transport</b>	Reducing the need to travel, encouraging walking, cycling and low carbon transport
	<b>Materials and products</b>	Using materials from sustainable sources and promoting products which help people reduce consumption.
	<b>Zero waste</b>	Reducing consumption, re-using and recycling to achieve zero waste and zero pollution
	<b>Zero carbon energy</b>	Making buildings and manufacturing energy efficient and supplying all energy with renewables



## Congratulations to all the 2021 Sustainability Award Nominees

Tracy Marcial/Contra Costa  
Community College District

CoCo San Sustainable Farm/  
Carolyn Phinney

Terri Edwards-Nixon/Let's Grow  
Together

Jasmine Cisneros/Little Sprouts  
Garden Academy

EcoMulch/Hamilton Tree Service

Devon Bradley

Alexandra Bunik

Isaac De Rosas & Lance Sanchez

The Watershed Project

Devin Jackson

Karen Marriner

Marti Roach

Delta Bowl

Ray Harts - Health Hearts Institute

Resourcefill

Jack Dice - The Muffin People

Green Building Honoree:  
Kramer/May home - San Pablo

### Sustainability Awards Judges

Thank you to the 2021 Sustainability Awards judges for their time, diligence and integrity throughout the awards selection process: Gary Farber, Julie Haas-Wajdowicz, Nanette Heffernan, Ashley Louisiana, Justin Marquez, Lee Sigourney, Emlyn Struthers, Illana Weisman

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## AWARD WINNER



### **AgLantis - CoCo San Sustainable Farm** **Carolyn Phinney, PhD**

CoCo San Sustainable Farm, a project of AgLantis, is located on one of 15 acres of Central Contra Costa Sanitary District buffer land and provides free, sustainably grown produce to schools, food banks, and other nonprofits that feed the hungry. It is a model for local, fresh, healthy, and affordable produce, community education, environmental protection, and the creation of green jobs. By growing and delivering food locally, the farm dramatically reduces its carbon footprint. Using recycled, agricultural-grade water that would otherwise be discharged into the bay, it eliminates major costs in food production. This recycled water, which is high in nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and micronutrients, provides free fertilizer and is approved by the State of California for organic agriculture.

Since 2010, AgLantis' co-founder and volunteer Director Carolyn Phinney and her collaborators have steadfastly maintained their vision and navigated many obstacles. The farm offers hands-on classes in organic urban farming and gardening. Participants have opportunities to build planting beds, grow fresh vegetables from seed, learn about healthy soil, and test water chemistry. They also learn about food justice, nutrition and health, and how food systems affect bees, weather, and the environment. The farm rebuilds barren soil, plants crops that sequester carbon and clean the air, and increases the hydrologic cycle.



## AWARD WINNER



## Grant & Heather Hamilton of EcoMulch & Hamilton Tree Service

Grant and Heather Hamilton own EcoMulch and Hamilton Tree Service and provide free, high quality mulch to farms, cities, and other non-profits to help reduce their watering needs and restore the hydrology of their lands. The Hamiltons are generous contributors to their community, and thousands of people have been fed from food grown due to their donation of materials, equipment and time. For over three years they have donated approximately 30 acre-feet of mulch to cover the 15-acre CoCo San Sustainable Farm two feet deep in mulch. If purchased, this would be the equivalent of a million dollars worth of mulch. Without this incredible donation, the farm would not have been able to donate over 37,000 pounds of produce to feed a hungry community.

Grant and Heather Hamilton collaborate with many others in their community, especially non-profits, and they are especially supportive of projects that teach environmental protection and feed our community. Heather teaches gardening to school children with her mother, Brenda Miguel. The Hamilton workplace regularly hires those with challenges and disadvantaged backgrounds that could prevent them from getting jobs. They are the sort of community members who are always ready to pitch in and help.



## AWARD WINNER



### Ray Harts - Healthy Hearts Institute

Ray Harts built and designed Healthy Hearts Institute as a two-acre community garden in the El Pueblo subsidized housing in Pittsburg where he grew up. He is committed to helping eradicate food deserts and empower individuals and the community. Ray believes access to healthy, affordable food is a right and should be available to everyone. Growing crops in this community garden provides the opportunity and space for neighbors to interact with each other and build healthier outcomes.

Over the years, Ray has provided classes in nutritional cooking, exercise, strength training, yoga, and stress management. He employs locals to work alongside him and partners with the County Housing Authority, the UC Master Gardeners, and the "Growing Healthy People for Pittsburg" group, among many others. Healthy Hearts Institute practices sustainability through regenerative agriculture, equity for the local economy, sequestering carbon on former waste land, and bringing health and happiness to a local underserved population. He makes a difference in the lives of all who visit.



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## AWARD WINNER



## Devin Joseph Guilford Jackson

Devin Jackson is the lead Environmental Sustainability Coordinator and staff advisor for the Environmentally Concerned Kids Club at Walnut Creek's Foothill Middle School. This club of over 40 students from all grades promotes environmental awareness around campus, especially during brunch and lunch, reducing the school's ecological footprint, and reaching 80+ plus waste diversion. Under Devin's guidance, and with the help of school administrators, Foothill Middle School was awarded a Bronze-level Green Ribbon School award by the California Department of Education and received a Waste-Busters award for 75% waste diversion in 2018. He has developed an energy plan for Foothill and implemented a number of school-wide practices to help staff, students, and parents reduce their carbon footprint through recycling, composting, and reducing landfill waste. By making sustainability an integral part of Foothill Middle School's day-to-day operations, Devin Jackson is helping students understand the importance of caring for the environment now and in their future adult lives.



## SUSTAINABLE MORAGA CHALLENGE

Join the Sustainable Moraga Challenge to  
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## AWARD WINNER



### The Watershed Project

For many years Richmond-based nonprofit The Watershed Project has been the driving force behind programs to educate local communities about the importance of watersheds and the need to protect them. Working in partnership with local organizations, with a focus on underserved communities, they have provided place-based environmental education to some 7,000 teachers and 30,000 students since 1997. Their coordination of annual Coastal Clean-up Days has involved over 50,000 volunteers. In 2020, during the heart of the pandemic, they modified Clean-up Day to encourage folks in Contra Costa County to pick up trash in their own neighborhoods. Their month-long advocacy included a free screening of “The Story of Plastic. We applaud The Watershed Project’s continued drive and passion!



## Reimagine your garden

This fall, you can trade up your thirsty garden for a water wise one. The lawn goodbye starts with help from EBMUD. Apply for a rebate (recently increased!) to replace your lawn and upgrade inefficient or leaky irrigation, and you can enjoy a beautiful garden next summer. For more conservation tips and rebate info visit [ebmud.com/drought](https://ebmud.com/drought).

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## RISING STAR



### Rising Star: Devon Bradley

Devon Bradley is a Miramonte High School senior who founded his school's Environmental Solutions Club in his sophomore year and continues to head the group. Recognizing the impact of the pandemic on his community's small businesses, he led the club in creating Project HEART, a unique effort to help local restaurants survive while addressing environmental sustainability. Project HEART, which stands for "Help the Environment and Assist Restaurant Takeout," used social media to promote takeout and to raise funds to purchase compostable takeout materials. The Environmental Solutions Club also worked on passing an Orinda polystyrene ban and educating Miramonte students on lunchtime recycling.

Devon was instrumental in conducting a multi-high school virtual Earth Day Summit in April 2021 when he was a RecycleSmart intern during the 2020-21 school year. He will again facilitate the multi-school group's organization of an Earth Day celebration for 2022.



## LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT



### Jack Dice & The Muffin People

Jack Dice is a true community treasure and environmental hero. For over 33 years, Jack and the organization he helped found have been bringing healthy groceries to St. Mary's Center, Emeryville Citizens Assistance Program and St. Vincent de Paul. Six days a week, The Muffin People volunteers load up their own vehicles in the early morning with leftover food donated by Lamorinda and Walnut Creek grocery stores and make the trip to Oakland. Jack, now in his 80's, continues to schedule the volunteers and work a weekly four-hour shift. The Muffin People not only promote social justice but also keep hundreds of thousands of pounds of food out of the landfill annually. By reducing methane-producing food waste, they are helping California meet its goals of greenhouse gas reduction. Jack and the team make sustainability a practice, including developing new members so the work can continue. The total value of the food they prevent from being wasted exceeds \$1.4 million per year.



## GREEN BUILDING AWARDS

### 2021 Honoree: Kramer/May Home

This home remodel in San Pablo features rooftop solar, a reflective roof, a mini-split heat pump HVAC system, and a California native plant garden, to name just a few of the energy & water-conserving features.





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environment.

2

WE ARE  
INVESTING IN  
CLEAN ENERGY  
by building  
a fleet of  
electric buses,  
which will help  
keep our air  
cleaner.

3

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CLEAN & GREEN  
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reduces congestion,  
decreases  
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