

SUMMER TIME SPECIAL!

GREEN KUDOS!

John Covey from the UNFI-IT team in Dayville and his son Jarod volunteer their time to the New England Forestry Foundation (NEFF) as Forestry Stewards. Since December of 2006, this father and son team has cut trails, marked boundaries, held clean-up days, and worked on projects for handicapped access to the outdoors. They are Stewards for the Pine Nook Forest in Deerfield Mass.



Clay Ryon from the Albert's Organics Santa Cruz Purchasing Department for commuting for a cause! Clay is donating 10 cents a mile to the Homeless Garden Project for every mile he commutes on his bicycle from May to November 2009, and challenging others to "sponsor" him by also making a pledge to the Homeless Garden Project.

You too can participate in this great act of sustainability and community service by filling out the sponsor form below and mailing it to the:

**Homeless Garden Project, PO Box 617,
Santa Cruz, CA 95061.**

Pledges are 100% tax deductible. To learn more about Clayton's vision on his blog, and also watch the miles add up:

<http://commuteforacause.blogspot.com/2009/05/background.html>

Announcement

Albert's has gotten 60 long-haul trucks off the road by using Railex* to move organic produce from the Northwest and California. From August 2008 to February 2009, AO has moved the equivalent of 60 full tractor-trailers via rail. In doing this, they have reduced congestion on the highways, reduced idling time of trucks, saved a lot of diesel fuel.

*Railex is a boxcar service that runs from the Pacific Northwest and Central California to the East Coast.

Green Teams in Action

Iowa City

The Iowa City team had a walk/bus/bike/car pool to work. Participants were required to do one of these things at least twice during the week. On Friday breakfast burritos were served to participants and t-shirts were handed out with the witty slogan "I run on solar energy... and only emit natural gas." There were 48 participants in the event who saved a total of 3379 miles driven in that one week!

Leicester

Leicester's Green Team sponsored a summer barbeque to raise awareness of UNFI's green initiatives and to share what our local team is working on. "Admission" to the barbeque was charged by collecting eyeglasses for the Lion's Club in Central Massachusetts and cell phones with chargers for a Worcester based Battered Women's Shelter. Over 50 pairs of eyeglasses were collected! Certificates of appreciation were presented to Green Team Members for their work this past year. New associates have been encouraged to take a turn serving on the team!



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The Green Team also wishes to recognize a number of volunteers who made the barbeque successful. A big THANK YOU to: Cindy Kowalczyk in Inventory>Returns, Meg Letendre in Business Services, Chris Racicot in Transportation, Dave Hastings and Sang Nguyen in Maintenance, Michelle Chapman in Production, your Human Resources team, Bruce Brackett, Bill Carney, and our grill chef and Green Team leader, Ray Rivers.



Finally, your Green Team wants to thank everyone who made a donation of eyeglasses and cell phones with chargers. Join the Green Team and Make a Difference!

UNFI & Albert's Organics - Chesterfield

UNFI and Albert's Organics in Chesterfield are participating in a yogurt container recycling program. Each year millions of yogurt containers end up in landfills. Since January thanks to our employees; UNFI and Albert's have prevented a minimum of 1000 yogurt container from ending up there. We donate the clean containers that we collect to a local non profit organization who in turn earn .02 cents to .05 cents per container.



The Chesterfield Green Team has made it simple for everyone to participate. Collection containers are located in various locations throughout the facility.

If you would like to participate but have questions please contact Paula Paulin or Lisa Buchanan.

Let's continue to do our part to help keep the environment cleaner and greener!

Chesterfield

We have been continuing our composting and recycling programs with grocery bag recycling, greeting card recycling, book and video recycling, and yogurt cup recycling. (See above article) We are getting ready to launch the ink and toner cartridge recycling program.

The grocery bags we are recycling at each facility are used by people who need a bag, and local crafters making new bags, bowls, etc. Recycling keeps all these bags out of the landfill. To date we have collected so many bags we lost count!

The greeting card fronts are used to decorate food bags for people receiving meals from Meals on Wheels. Last count we had over 426 cards collected.



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The books and videos are for sale, trade, or borrow at both facilities. This keeps them out of the landfill and all funds collected are used for advancing the Green Team Mission.

The team has worked hard to raise funds over the past year and donated some toward restoring a bridge leading from Chesterfield to Brattleboro; an ongoing beautification project that has inspired the community.

We are also looking for new members and any ideas and suggestions.

Dayville

The Dayville and Danielson facilities have been Caught Green Handed by the Green Team! The team is on the watch for employees who are going above and beyond the sustainability call. So far the team has caught the following people in acts:

Brenda Fournier - Help with the Green Team Petty Cash Fund

Margaret Loew - Spearheading the Clean Plate Program, Hosting the Sustainable Jewelry Lunch & Learn

Tom Dziki - Donation of the Solar Cone for Green Team Raffle

Andrew Crespi - Help with the Clean Plate Program

Dan Bowersett - Implementation of the Caught Green Handed Program

Maura Bowen - Recycling Ink Cartridges

Beth Joslin - Recycling Plastic Bags after a meeting

Melissa Angle - Caring about recycling during the move to Providence

Jon Morris - Recycling

Jane Brito - Recycling old glass jars

Those who are caught receive a plant and a thank you card in recognition of their efforts. You could be next!

Harrison

Crystal Brennan, Human Resources Manager

The Harrison Green Team is planning their first fund raising initiative. They are coordinating the sell of Green Team tee shirts, a bake sale and the collection of eye glasses that will be donated to the Boone County Lions Club. The Boone County Lions Club recycles and redistributes the used eyewear to individuals in need in Boone County. The Harrison Green Team is distributing Green Team tee shirts to each of their team members and will sell the remaining tee shirts to other Harrison Associates. All proceeds from the tee shirt sale and the bake sale will go back to the Harrison Green Team fund. Stay tuned...once our tee shirts arrive we will take a group photograph for next months newsletter. The Harrison facility is also participating in the ink cartridge recycling project.

Green Tips

Did you know?

You can trade in your old electronics for money toward new ones.

Visit www.RadioShack.com/tradein to find out more.



Did you know?

Americans could save more than 400,000 trees if each family bought a roll of recycled toilet paper – just once. Recycled tissue products help protect ancient forest, clean water, and wildlife habitat. It's easier on the Earth to make tissues from paper instead of trees. Look for 100% recycled content, at least 50% post-consumer recycled content and bleached without toxic chlorine compounds. UNFI carries several brands tissue that meet these criteria. Don't flush ancient forest! Buy recycled.

For a comprehensive list of brands visit www.Greenpeace.org/tissueguide.

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