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## **GreenTown Los Altos Honors 10 “Be the Change” Volunteers**

**LOS ALTOS** — Local, nonprofit environmental organization, GreenTown Los Altos, honored and celebrated its loyal league of volunteers in a garden reception Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of Patty Rosewater. Ten volunteers received “Be the Change” awards for their sustained individual contributions, expanding the capacity of the organization, and implementing the mission of GreenTown Los Altos. The award draws its inspiration from the famous quote by Mahatma Gandhi, “You must be the change you wish to see in the world.”

Executive Director, Kacey Fitzpatrick, noted that, “Organizations like GreenTown Los Altos move through the hearts and souls of their volunteers. This is an amazing group of committed and talented people who are working to create a healthier future for our children in this community.”

Mayor David Casas attended the Green Town event and observed that GreenTown Los Altos was instrumental in providing the background research for the new Los Altos waste contract; and that the organization makes change happen and has raised the consciousness and understanding of Los Altos residents about environmental issues and opportunities.

GreenTown Los Altos volunteers were recognized for their contributions to: *GreenTown Co-op, Bike and Walk to School Program, Sustainable Land Use, Waste Reduction Initiative, Marketing, and Organizational Effectiveness.*

Award recipients included:

- Arnold Ambiel, for chairing organizational effectiveness task force
- Suzanne Ambiel, for bike to school leadership
- Mike Barnes, for GreenTown Co-op leadership
- Mary Clark Bartlett, for GreenTown co-op leadership
- Peg Champion, for marketing identity, social media and waste
- Mary Gospe, for marketing, database, social media, website
- KJ Janowski, for marketing and strategic leadership
- Forrest Linebarger, for sustainable land use leadership
- Maddy McBirney, for all-around volunteerism and support
- Jana Schlansker, for organizational and administrative support

## **About GreenTown Los Altos**

GreenTown Los Altos is a local, volunteer, nonprofit environmental organization. Founded in 2007, its mission is to educate and inspire the people of Los Altos and Los Hills to take action that will make our communities more environmentally healthy and vibrant today and for future generations. Current goals are to reduce waste, energy use, water consumption, and vehicle trips. See: <http://www.greentownlosaltos.org>.

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