

# ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

## FISCAL YEAR END 2024



### A Message from Our President

Dear GreenTown Los Altos Supporters and Volunteers,

As I reflect on the achievements outlined in this report, collaborating with our community’s youth stands out as a highlight. Volunteering in the 500 Trees campaign, dedicated students learn about tree care and plant trees to improve our urban canopy. This past year, students helped to collect and refurbish 100 donated bicycles that were ultimately given to underserved youth through our ReCycle Bike drive. Other students helped collect over 500 pounds of garbage during our Adopt-a-Highway and creek cleanups. These hands-on activities build life-long stewards of the environment and instill a sense of giving back to one’s community.



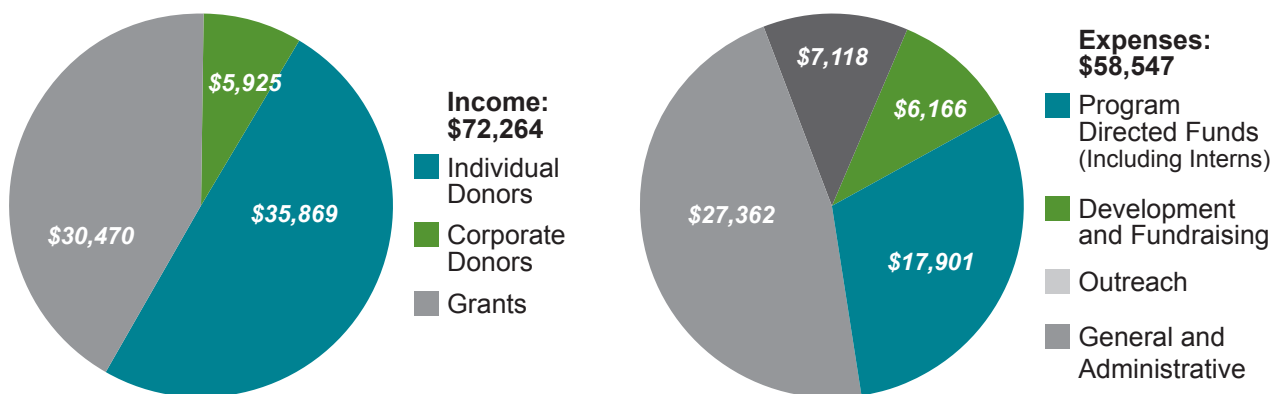
GreenTown provides outreach to our elementary schools encouraging them to walk or bike to school. At Farmers’ Markets and other public-facing events, children and adults can engage at a GreenTown booth with hands-on displays to learn how their personal food and water consumption/disposal choices have a direct effect on the planet. This past year, four high school students interned in conservation programs where they learned about orchard care in Los Altos’ Heritage Apricot Orchard. Others researched what it would take for the City of Los Altos to become a member of Tree City USA. Enthusiastic students have also joined us advocating to city government to prioritize decarbonization policies. Volunteers of all ages have furthered progress in each of our five program areas.

Every hour of time you volunteer and every dollar you so generously give is crucial to achieving our mission of furthering local sustainability. We are a group built solely of volunteers that are part of the fabric of the same community we love and want to improve. Thank you and our long-time corporate sponsors, for your time and generous contributions that sustain our programs and make a measurable difference.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Suresh Venkatraman, GreenTown Los Altos President

### GreenTown Los Altos Fiscal Year 2022/2023 by the Numbers



### Environmental Hero of 2024 – Angelo DeGuili

Lauded for his enduring environmental volunteerism that spans over a decade with GreenTown, Angelo, along with his wife, Nuchi, have been omnipresent in numerous GreenTown programs. Angelo has been a significant contributor over the years in campaigns including “Skip the Straw,” the Party Pack loaners, creek and highway trash pick-ups, native garden planting, and electrification advocacy. Angelo always brings a positive attitude of selfless collaboration and determination to his endeavors. We thank Angelo and Nuchi for their example and sustained leadership.



# Program Highlights

## Clean Air



- Collaborated with Citizen's Climate Lobby to present a Building Electrification Roadmap to Los Altos as a work around to Reach Codes being stalled in the courts
- Helped the Festival of Lights Parade reducing Parade emissions by nearly 50 kilograms through float electrification.
- Participated in an Electric Home Tour which drew over 270 visitors.
- Advocated for stricter rules for gas leaf blower violations that became law. Continued monitoring of progress.
- Published numerous articles in local papers promoting building electrification.
- Sponsored the annual, regional Youth Climate Action Annual Conference



*Our 2024 Summer interns Oscar Johnson, Alex Hoffman "TreeCity USA" project with Natalie Barton and Kelsey Nguyen "Farm to Table, Apricot Harvest" project.*

## Conservation



- Conducted multiple creek clean ups of the Permanente Creek Diversion Channel and Adobe Creek. 80 volunteers picked up over 150 pounds of trash.
- Partnered with the Woodland Library to promote a 'sustainability' theme of Read Aloud program through a native plant talk at the Woodland Library drought tolerant demonstration garden.
- Participated in the 2024 Going Native Garden Tour in April with the Woodland Library and the drought-tolerant demonstration garden that we planted.
- Heritage Orchard Project: Two student interns teamed with the Orchard Commons Committee to understand orchard maintenance and harvesting techniques.
- Two student interns researched the viability of Los Altos becoming a member of Tree City USA.
- The 500 Trees campaign continued and ended the fiscal year with 483 being planted.



*Creek cleanup volunteers making it a family affair.*

## Eating Green



- Summer Plant-based Challenge in partnership with Acterra. Over 80 local businesses participated.
- Created a plant-based summer eating challenge in partnership with Acterra. Approximately 100 people participated.
- Sponsored plant-based dairy tasting/workshop presented by Clorofil and Acterra. Approximately 30 people attended.
- Wrote five articles encouraging living a plant-based lifestyle which outlined the benefits to personal and planet health. These articles were published in the Los Altos Town Crier



*Woodland Garden volunteer discovers a worm in the rich soil she helped care for.*

## Transportation



- Supported the Los Altos School District's "Walk and Roll to School Day."
- ReCycle Bike Drive collected 100 bicycles for refurbishing and redistribution to underserved youth in our community.
- Performed a field survey and presented to City recommendations for expanded bicycle parking in town.
- Co-sponsored with City of Los Altos the second EV Fair
- Led four community bike rides.
- Provided bike valet for significant city-sponsored events

## Zero Waste



- Completed four Adopt-A-Hwy clean ups and collected a total of 410 pounds of trash plus 9 bags of recyclable materials.
- Partnered with Right On! Refillery in Los Altos, during the Earth Day-themed first Friday of April.
- Continued the Party Pack program

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