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Waste not, want not

Waste Less Living, a local Pasadena company that specializes in zero-waste party planning and composting services, joined Green Apple Gourmet in launching a waste-reduction project with students and staff at St. Mark's School in Altadena.

Green Apple Gourmet, which provides schools with healthy lunches that emphasize portion control, contributes to the project by collecting food and tableware waste discarded by students in designated bins at lunchtime. The waste is then hauled away to Waste Less Living for processing and composting at an off-site facility. Since Sept. 15, when the project began, 559.8 pounds of compostable waste have been diverted from the landfill!

Congrats to the program and the kids at St. Mark's for taking proactive steps to reduce waste and protect our environment! For more information on how to get your school involved in a waste-reduction program or to find out about planning a zero-waste party, call Waste Less Living at (626) 786-5947 or visit wastelessliving.com.

Thanksgiving giving

In an effort to provide 300 low-income families throughout the San Gabriel Valley with enough food to cook a Thanksgiving meal at home, the Pasadena Junior Chamber of Commerce, or Jaycees, partnered with Friends in Deed to hold their annual food and funds drive, "Operation Gobbler."

The Jaycees, a nonprofit organization that focuses on leadership training and community service throughout the San Gabriel Valley, and Friends in Deed, a Pasadena group seeking to reduce local homelessness and poverty, will distribute food baskets to families Nov. 23 from 10 to 4 p.m. at the Friends in Deed facility at 444 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena.

Food bins for donation will be placed throughout businesses and supermarkets in Pasadena Nov. 8, 9, 15 and 16.

For information on tax-deductible monetary donations and more, call (626) 482-5629.

Festive fall soups at Descanso Gardens

Learn to make delicious and healthy autumnal soups like a pro! Tiana Driggins, Patina's chef at Descanso Gardens, will conduct a fall soups cooking class from 1 to 6 p.m. today in the Boddy House Kitchen of the Gardens.

Cost is \$60 (\$50 for members). Call (818) 949-7980 to register or visit descansogardens.org to find our about more upcoming events at Descanso Gardens.

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