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E-Waste Recycling Service Supports Adults with Developmental Disabilities

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Futures Explored, Inc., a nonprofit corporation that provides community opportunities, life skills and work-related training to adults with developmental disabilities, has collected and recycled more than 154 tons of e-waste since introducing its Nifty E-Waste Recycling Program in April 2012. Located next to Nifty Thrift Shops in Lafayette, Livermore and Antioch, the drop-off centers offer the community free and responsible recycling of unwanted electronics.

"Because people are replacing their electronic devices and appliances on an increasingly regular basis, e-waste has become the fastest growing waste stream in the world," said Will Sanford, executive director of Futures Explored, Inc. "Now more than ever, we want to make the community aware that our free service offers a safe and responsible way to recycle electronics year-round." The EPA estimates that only 27 percent of electronics are recycled while the stream of e-waste is growing two to three times faster than any other sources of waste.

"Earth Day is a great reason to celebrate our progress and renew our commitment to diverting significant amounts of e-waste from landfill each year. We're grateful to offer a service that benefits the environment, our community, and Futures Explored, Inc. participants," said Sanford.

Nifty E-Waste Recycling Centers accept televisions, VCRs, DVDs, computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, inkjet/toner cartridges, laptops, video game consoles, Internet/music devices, cameras, cell phones, telephone equipment, and more. Customers who drop off accepted electronics at Nifty E-Waste locations receive a tax deduction receipt.

The Lafayette Nifty E-Waste Recycling Center at 3467 Golden Gate Way is open Mondays from noon to 4 p.m., and Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about Nifty E-Waste, call (925) 294-9086 or email ewaste@futures-explored.org.

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