

Nicholas Cobb

Comfort and Joy





















There are a lot of homeless people around Watters Crossing. I like to make you aware of the homeless people who have noticed the homeless people in the undeveloped portion of the southeast corner of Alma. The far side of the facility is being built. Information on Cremation can be found on their website www.cremedelacreme.com.

You may have noticed changes in the signal lights around Watters Crossing as well. The city has removed the signal lights that were located at McDermott and

Child collects juice for homeless

Hello. My name is Nicholas Cobb. I am in second-grade. I am collecting juice boxes and Kool-aid for the homeless people at the Samaritan Inn. If you can help, please take the juice boxes and Kool-aid to Coffee Dreams, 1314 McDermott Drive. I will pick them up and take them to the Samaritan Inn. Thank you.

Nicholas Cobb
Allen

Letters to the Editor

I, like many others, walked across the stage to the heart rending tune of "Pomp and Circumstance." This time of year, I often think with fond memories of that day in June 1972. What I remember most over the years were the words that were sung to the graduation march: "God who makes thee mighty yet, makes thee mightier yet, mighty yet."

There were other words, but I just couldn't remember them, and no one I have ever talked to knows of any words ever sung to "Pomp and Circumstance." For years, I have talked to many music teachers and have had no luck. The high school where I

from my graduation, and I remember thinking they were so beautiful. But I imagine my surprise when I discovered that these words I discovered that much trouble that gave me so of our second national anthem I

One tract is the land of Bel Air just north of Norton. It includes a

"Land of hope and glory
Mother of the free
How shall we extol thee
Who are born of thee
Wider still and wider
Shall they bounds be set
God who makes thee mighty
Makes thee mightier yet
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Bank of America



09/19/2009 14:11





10/17/2009 18:27





10/18/2009 17:09







10/17/2009 13:31















Hands On
NETWORK





"People are sometimes surprised to see a teenager doing something good," Nicholas Cobb says. "But it's a natural thing for me."

NICHOLAS: RED HORN FOR USA WEEKEND

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ALLEN, TEXAS An Eagle Scout soars to the aid of others

When 14-year-old budding philanthropist Nicholas Cobb upped his annual fundraising goal by \$1,100, mom Laura was skeptical. Sure, Nicholas had raised \$3,400 in 2009 to buy coats for the homeless. But times were tough. And Nicholas wouldn't be able to pitch the fundraiser as his Eagle Scout project this time.

He didn't waver. He told his mom, "I'm raising \$4,500," more than enough to buy new coats for everyone at City House, a shelter for abused children. Nicholas set to work soliciting donations on the website of his own non-profit,

Comfort and Joy, which helps the homeless each Make A Difference Day. He installed collection jars at a barbershop and a beauty salon and accepted cash from a car wash organized by his cousins.

Nicholas was moved by the plight of the homeless at age 4, when he saw a family living under a bridge. "I didn't understand how that could be," he says. "I've never forgotten it."

On Oct. 23, Nicholas and 20 helpers hit Plano's Burlington Coat Factory, which had opened 90 minutes early and offered a 10% discount. They bought 54 coats. "These kids have been through so much," Nicholas says. "They deserve something new." His mom doubts no longer: "From now on, whatever Nicholas says he's going to do, I'm saying OK!"

\$10,000 Make A Difference Day Award from Newman's Own goes to Comfort and Joy.

Our 20th
Make A
Difference
Day

AWARDS







\$10,000







Michigan Set consists of 1000 pieces of fabric, but even stronger. Each piece is made of 100% cotton, and each piece is made of 100% cotton. The collection is made of 100% cotton and is made of 100% cotton. The collection is made of 100% cotton and is made of 100% cotton.

Nicholas Cobb is honored with a \$10,000 award at USA Weekend's National Make a Difference Day in 2009 for his work with City House, a shelter for abused and neglected children in Plano. Nicholas' nonprofit, Comfort and Joy, used half of the award money to make a donation to City House for their Healthy Eating and Garden Project.

Eagle Scout raises \$5,000 for Plano youth shelter

CONNER HAMMETT
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Nicholas Cobb has been a busy individual since he started the nonprofit Comfort and Joy in 2009. The organization, which collects winter coats for Collin County homeless shelters and charitable organizations, has raised \$20,690 and donated 283 winter coats to the Samaritan Inn, City House and Allen Community Outreach since its founding.

But something about Nicholas makes him a little different than the average owner of a nonprofit organization: He's 14 years old.

"I wasn't really sure if he really wanted to do it," said Nicholas' mother, Laura Cobb, of the first time Nicholas expressed an interest in establishing the

the young residents. The funds will also support the purchase of fruits and vegetables for residents during the garden's off-season.

"There has been a lot in the news about childhood obesity, and we're trying to instill in our residents a good grasp of healthy eating," said Karen Voelker, community relations manager for City House. "Our residents are children age 0-17 who have been removed from their homes by CPS due to abuse or neglect, so many of them have not been exposed to healthy foods."

Nicholas said he was more than happy to help out the shelter, which facilitated media coverage of his organization during last year's coat drive. The other \$5,000 from the National Make a Difference

school education and employment.

Nicholas' work has gained significant local media coverage in the past couple of years, but his interest in helping the less fortunate goes back much further. When he was 4, he said saw a family living in boxes under a bridge, an event that led him to dedicate himself toward helping the less fortunate.

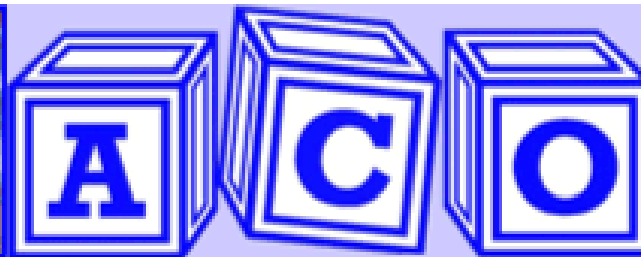
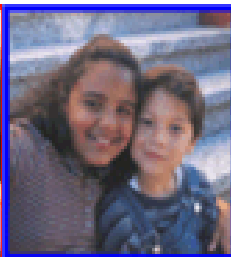
He started by collecting hotel soap and toiletries from his mother after she traveled, donating the items to The Samaritan Inn homeless shelter in McKinney and helping out with other projects. He participated in National Make a Difference Day for the first time at age 9 and launched Comfort and Joy as part of his Eagle Scout project in 2009, collecting











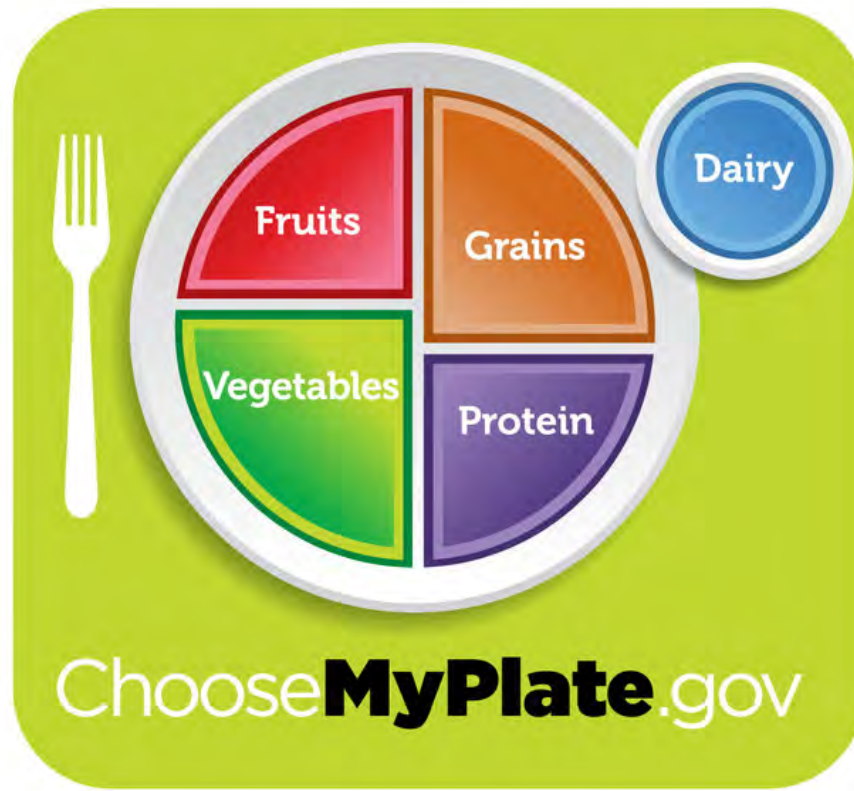
Rebuilding lives in Allen, Fairview and Lucas
...one family at a time

City
House





City House Healthy Diet Garden







BEFORE



AFTER




















A photograph of a person's torso wearing a white t-shirt. The t-shirt has a black text graphic centered on the chest. The text is a quote about homeless people being sent from the heavens to test everyone's true character. Below the quote, in smaller text, is the attribution '-anonymous'.

**homeless people
are spirits sent
from the heavens to
test everyone's true
character...**

-anonymous

To Whom Much
is Given,
Much is Required



Sharing the warmth of the Season.

"He who has two coats let him give to he who has none." Luke 3:11

www.comfortandjoytexas.org



Christopher Parr

MCOR

Plano Multicultural Outreach Roundtable



Chris Parr background

- Retired Professor of Chemistry and Undergraduate Dean (UT Dallas)
- Former Chairman of Plano Sister Cities
- Founding member of MCOR
- Current MCOR Web Master
 - <http://www.planomcor.org>
- Namesake of Plano's C.A. Parr Library
- Member Plano Rotary Club
- DEFINITELY NOT A HERO or ACTING ALONE!



PROGRAMS



- EXCLUSIVE
 - Citizenship Workshop
 - Seminar
 - Immigration Attorneys
 - Interfaith Day of Prayer
 - 1st Thursday in May
- COOPERATIVE
 - Plano International Festival
 - Cultural Art Exhibit
 - Cultural Civic Fora
 - Ethnic Sporting Events
 - Community Circles
 - Leadership Panel (diversity)



MISSION

- To partner with the City of Plano and the diverse citizens of Plano, encouraging understanding and participation in the government process, and fulfilling the needs and desires of its diverse citizens.



HISTORY

- 2002 Founded by Mayor Pat Evans
- 2003 Gala Reception
- 2005 Plano Intern'l. Festival 501(c)(3)
- 2005 2nd World Peace Table Tennis Event
- 2006 Texas Municipal Excellence Award
- 2007 1st Civic Forum (Islamic)
- 2007 1st Citizenship Workshop
- 2008 1st National Day of Prayer Service
- 2008 1st Leadership Panel & Reception
- 2011 1st Community Circles



GOALS

- Encourage and facilitate communication between the City Council and multicultural citizenry.
- Encourage amity, understanding, a sense of unity, and collaboration among citizens
- Assist cultural/diversity groups to gain knowledge of City of Plano government.
- Create opportunities for citizens to participate in a variety of multicultural activities that promote appreciation of diversity.



GOALS 2

- Provide recommendations to the City government on matters relating to the cultural diversity of its citizens.
- Act as a clearinghouse for education and information.
- Encourage the inclusion of minority groups into the City government.
- Seek and enlist representatives of diverse cultural groups into the Multicultural Outreach Roundtable.



INFRASTRUCTURE

- Grassroots organization
 - All are welcome
- Co-chairmen appointed by City
 - Mary Alice Garza
 - Jian Li
 - Shaheen Salam
 - Seeking up to two more...
- Committees and Task Forces
- City Liaison
 - Dee Dee Falls, Exec. Secty. to City Manager
 - Bruce Glasscock, City Manager



MEETING PLACE & TIME

- Plano City Hall, Training Room "A"
- 7 pm on 2nd Tuesday of the month





Larry Howe

Plano Solar Advocates

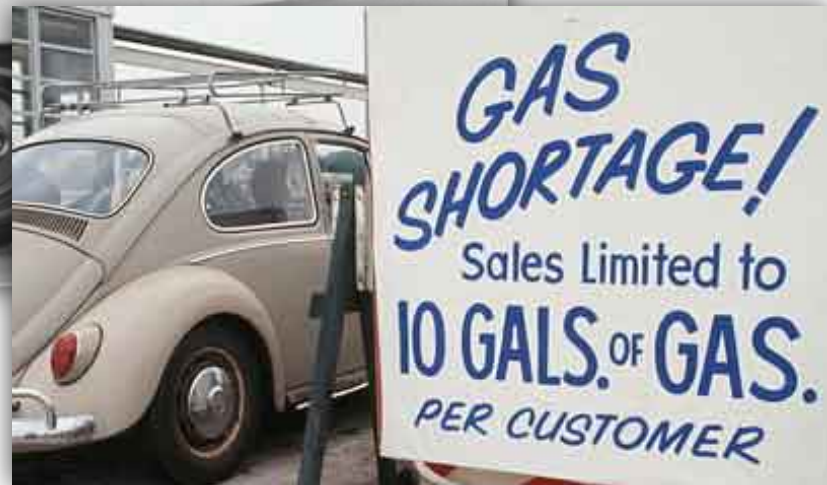
My Solar Story begins with Gasoline Lines....

The 1970's - Energy SHOCK!!



Learned to Drive!!!

- Then – oil embargo....
- Moved to Dallas/Plano
- Then – more gasoline shortages & rationing!
- only odd/even day purchases allowed!



Telecom & Transformation



Fun career in great
transformative
industry!



*Tekelec's 7000 Class 5
Packet Switch*

Live Green in Plano



Live Green in Plano Volunteer Training
Energy – Renewable Energy!

Many LGIP volunteers with similar interests
Discuss solar energy ideas with city staff
Result – form a grassroots volunteer group!





Plano Solar Advocates (PSA)

www.planosolar.org

- Who we are:
 - A volunteer grass-roots group of Plano citizens (non-profit)
- Our Mission:
 - To increase the awareness and expand the use of Solar Energy for electricity generation in Plano.
- Network with other people and groups
 - The North Texas Renewable Energy Group (ntreg.org)
 - Texas Solar Energy Society (txses.org)





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Also - Outreach and Presentations:

- Rotary clubs, Library events, community groups
- Advocacy at industry events & conventions
- Reaching 1700 people – so far!

Solarize Plano Project

Increase Awareness!



Expand the use of Solar Energy in Plano!



Think & Start Local

Have a passion?

Look around and find a group to join to share your passion!

No local presence?

Then start one yourself and you will find others that are ready to join with you!

Small steps are OK and generally better!

Don't wait – the perfect time to start is NOW!

Leave you with these thoughts

Great Potential – the time is NOW!

Imagine you are watching commercials during the Superbowl. Maybe you have just watched a very neat multi-million dollar commercial from an energy company – an oil, natural gas, or utility company; and then this short (1 minute), \$0 dollar commercial plays..... anyway, just imagine..... Don't you wonder?



Solar Energy in Texas – Don't You Wonder?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FudFriE1J4>

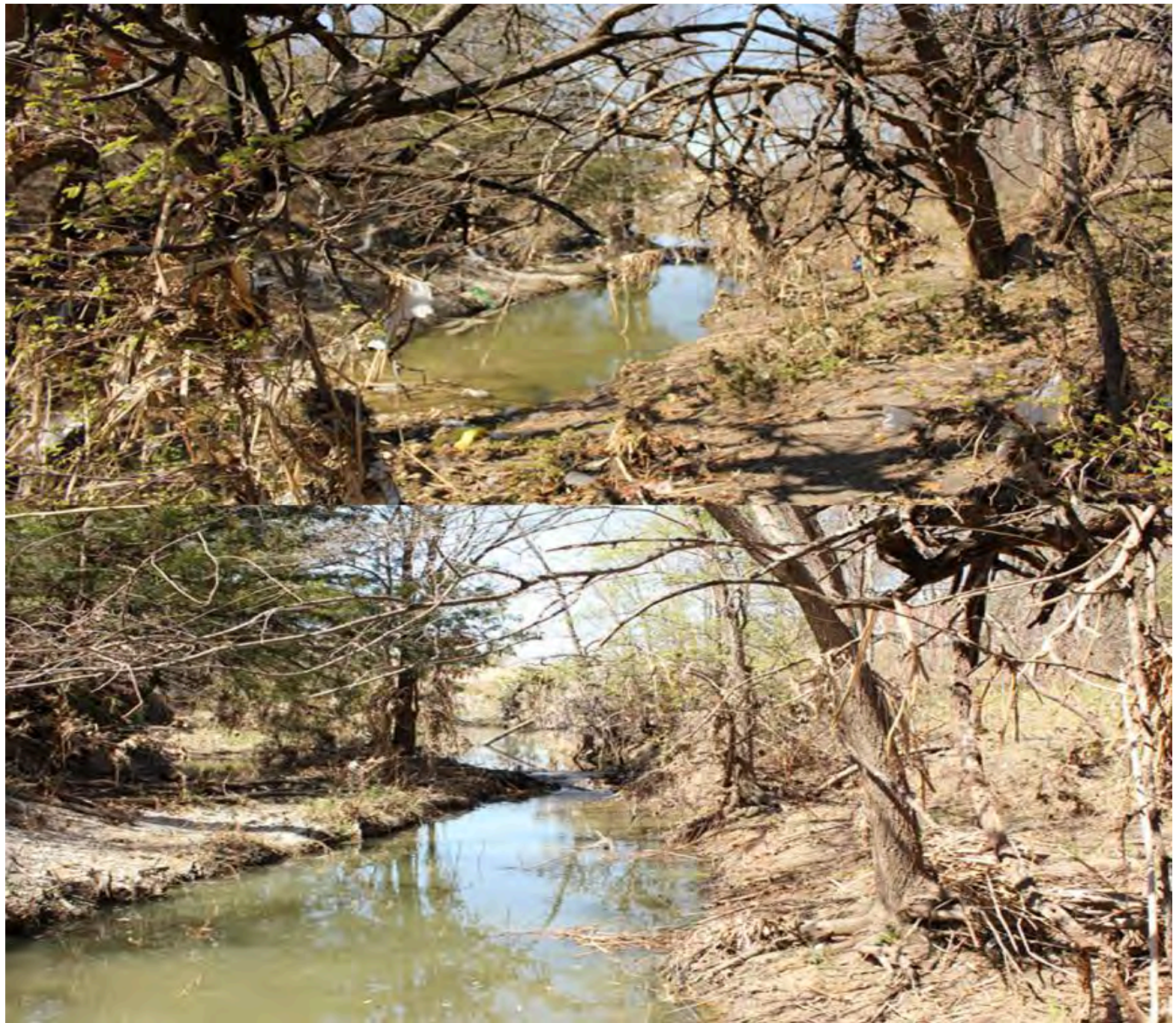


Chad Ford

White Rock Creek Cleanup Initiative











Graciela Katzer

Plano International Festival



Plano International Festival Purpose

Plano International Festival

Celebrating Plano's cultural diversity by raising awareness of the many ethnic communities in the City

Promoting cultural awareness and communication between all cultural groups

Advancing visibility of Plano as an international city

Do not miss our 10th anniversary on

October 18th 2014

Haggard Park, Plano

11AM to 5PM

www.PlanoInternationalFestival.org





Plano International Festival Highlights

- **More than 100,000 people have visited the festival since its inception.**
- **According to Wikipedia.... “The Plano International Festival is one of the city's premiere cultural and entertainment events”**
(http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plano_Texas)
- **500+ grassroots volunteers investing 3,400 hours** to bring this beautiful event to the community every year!
(Includes all performers and Green Ambassadors)
- **More than 100 cultures** representing the diversity of the community:
 - Africa, Asia, Americas, and Europe
 - Naturalization Ceremony, Cultural Booths, Children's Workshops (Reading around the World, Passports, and Art Treasure Hunt), Green Village, On-stage Performances, Food Court, Fitness , Wellness, and Health Fair.



Festival Highlights

Parade of Flags

In collaboration with Plano ISD

- More than 80 countries represented
 - 100 students participated

Naturalization Ceremony

Homeland Security

- 50 new citizens sworn in
- Honorable Plano Mayor Harry LaRosiliere, Dr. Robbie Robinson, Maestro Hector Guzman, and space ambassador Anousheh Ansari, among our list of distinguished keynote speakers**





Festival Highlights

Six Hours of on-Stage Performances



International Fashion Show

in collaboration with Collin College –
International Women's Club – PTAs &
Cultural groups





Festival Highlights

Children's Global Village

Children are encouraged to learn about geography, foreign languages, cultures and arts through hands-on activities, Passports to the World, Art Treasure Hunt, Interurban Railway Museum tours, puppet shows with Plano Libraries, and more



Cultural Displays

Representing Asia, Europe, Africa, and the Americas





~ Special Features ~

Reclaimed and Multicultural Art Exhibit

Featuring original works by local artists representing many countries and cultures

*Organized in collaboration with **the Plano Art Association***





Festival Highlights

Community Organizations



International Food Court

Offers a world-tour of ethnic cuisine in biodegradable plates, cups and utensils, all provided by PIF





Plano International Festival

Zero Waste Event

Green Ambassadors at
Educational Waste Stations

Girl and Boy Scout Troops

Plano ISD

PTA Environmental Clubs

Three-time recipient of the
**Environmental Star of
Excellence Award!**

*City of Plano Sustainability and
Environmental Services*

Achieved 80% diversion rate





Green Village and Zero Waste Program

80% diversion rate from waste to recycling

Our goal is a Zero Waste event and to share our program with other local festivals

- ✦ 80 Green Ambassadors (PISD environmental clubs, Boy and Girl Scouts) educating visitors to sort waste at the 12 Educational Waste Stations (EWS)
- ✦ Every EWS had three containers: Clear stream, organic and trash; “Live Green in Plano” stickers and clear labels of what goes in them.
- ✦ Flyer in various languages spelling out what’s recyclable through City waste pick up and shopping bags for visitors sorting their waste.
- ✦ Green Village: companies and organizations offer their environmentally friendly services, programs and products, including a test drive of battery-powered cars.
- ✦ DART partnership—encouraging visitors to ride DART
- ✦ Biodegradable food containers/plates/utensils at food booths provided by PIF in partnership with EcoDallas.
- ✦ Most printed materials on recycled paper; biodegradable balloons
- ✦ Local sourcing through Plano merchants for most contract services and rentals
- ✦ Last year we introduced Wellness and Fitness programs
- ✦ This year we are hosting a Health Fair @ the Courtyard Theatre



Awards and Recognitions

Awarded the 2014 Community Leadership Award

***In recognition of the outstanding Contributions to the Students of
The Plano Independent School District.***

***Three Time Recipient of the Environmental Star of Excellence Award -
City of Plano Sustainability and Environmental Services***

2009, 2011, and 2012

***Received the 2012 Keep Texas Beautiful, second place Civic
Organization award***

***Top 3 2012 Finalist Green Source DFW Environmental Leadership
Awards.***



If you are passionate about something....

Just get involved

Share your talents, creativity and time

Get out of your comfort zone

Try new ways to do things

Keep an open mind and heart

Volunteerism is an honor and the reward is priceless!

We look forward to see you on October 18th

**~ GRACIAS ~ SHUKRAN ~ DANKE ~ MERCI ~
SHUKRIYA ~ XIE XIE ~ ARIGATO ~
OBRIGADO ~ DANYAWAAD ~ GRAZIE ~**

THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING **LEARN2LIVEGREEN**

**Please complete a paper evaluation
form and drop it into the collection box
as you exit the theater.**

#L2LG2014