

FUTURES EXPLORED, INC. GOES GREEN WITH EAST BAY E-WASTE PROGRAM
Nifty E-Waste Drop-Off Centers Offer Safe and Responsible Recycling While Providing Opportunities to Individuals with Developmental Disabilities

LAFAYETTE, Calif. (April 24, 2012) – Futures Explored, Inc., a non-profit corporation that provides life skills and work-related training to adults with developmental disabilities, today announced that it has opened Nifty E-Waste Recycling Centers in the East Bay. The new centers offer individuals and businesses a convenient way to recycle unwanted electronics safely and responsibly. The recycling service is free of charge, and drop-off centers are located next to *Nifty Thrift*, *Nifty Gifts & More* and *Nifty As Is* thrift stores in Lafayette, Livermore and Antioch.

“Our Nifty E-Waste service benefits the community, the environment, and our clients,” said Will Sanford, Executive Director, Futures Explored, Inc. “Providing convenient, safe and responsible recycling, while offering our clients valuable learning and employment opportunities, is something we’re all very proud of.”

Nifty E-Waste Recycling Centers will 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. Funds raised from Nifty E-Waste will support employment and training opportunities for clients of Futures Explored, Inc. Customers who drop off accepted electronics at Nifty E-Waste locations will receive a tax deduction receipt.

“Nifty Thrift stores have always been about the concept of 'shop and drop', where anyone can shop for household and personal items, and also conveniently donate items of their own, including books, furniture, jewelry, clothing and collectibles,” said Sanford. “And now with Nifty E-Waste, we’ve expanded that concept to include recycling of electronic items. It’s all part of a broader effort to help the community reduce, reuse and recycle.”

Nifty E-Waste Recycling Center Locations & Hours

LAFAYETTE

3467 Golden Gate Way
Mon 12pm-4pm
Tues-Sat 10am-4pm

ANTIOCH

808 W 3rd Street
Mon 9am-3pm
Tues-Fri 9am-4pm

LIVERMORE

2133B Las Positas Court
(off of N. Livermore Ave.)
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

For more information about Nifty E-Waste, contact **925.294.9086** or ewaste@futures-explored.org.

About Futures Explored, Inc.

The mission of Futures Explored, Inc. is to provide life skills and work-related training to adults with developmental disabilities. Futures Explored, Inc. supports its consumers in reaching their optimum level of individual potential by delivering a broad range of resources and ongoing guidance.

To learn more about Futures Explored Inc.'s programs and services, including Advocacy, ALIVE, E-Waste, GARDEN, Huckleberry Café-to-Go, Inclusion Film Camp, Lafayette's Day Program, Nifty Thrift Stores, Supported Employment, and Vocational Training & Employment (VTE), please visit: www.futures-explored.org.

Futures Explored, Inc. is a private non-profit corporation. Its tax exemption status is 501(C)(3). Futures Explored, Inc. is a member of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce and the California Disability Services Association (CDSA), and is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF).

Futures Explored, Inc. is a registered DTSC Handler with the State of California, Facility #'s 17085, 17480 and 17688; Handler/Business ID #3739.

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