



750 N. BAKER DRIVE, ITASCA, IL 60143 • 1.800.419.4583 • F: 888.371.8314

All right, who wants to kick us off? Well, like Nirel said, we tested toilets. We're also collecting the red tags for the recycling to get children's wheelchairs. Somebody else can take the next thing that's over there. Fidel, did you test for leaks at home? Yes, yes, also for construction, for the compost bin. Yes, right now, we recycle all the pallets in the utilization for other things, other ideas. Yeah, so Fidel made all of our bulletin boards and our compost bin out of re-purposing materials we already had here, the skids. And our planters. And our planters, yes. Yes. And we've got our recycle bins and our landfill bins all married, so we're trying to do a better job. You guys keep talking. I have one more thing I have to go grab.

The battery recycling. The battery recycling, yeah. Is it going? Yay! Christmas tree lights. We've got a bin for broken Christmas tree lights. We purchased a whole set of dishes and flatware so we can be re-used for lunches. That's what we used today. We used our branded plates and silverware. -Oh, they're branded?-Yeah, they are.-Oh, I'll have to see this.-They only go 100 %. Okay. (laughing)-Who designed the logo? Well, Becky worked with our marketing team here, (audience laughs) her son is here, Sue Lattea, but she's not here.

Well, this is an education moment. Yes, okay. So, we were trying to have a separate recycle for the single-use plastic, and we had some miscommunications, so we thought we'd take this opportunity to go through it. Very good. Oh, I'm garbage picking all time, me too. So these go here, correct or not correct? That's garbage. So this is not recyclable. It's not filled. The outside of the paper towel, yes. Yeah, with the plastic bags at Jewel or Trader Joe's. This is all Jewel stuff. Yeah, this is all Jewel, ok good, but sometimes I went through it. So sometimes we find plastic bottles in here. They do not go in here so this is if you go to Jewel and you get this type of bag Jewel will take it back and recycle it but it can't go in our recycle bin. So we're taking these so the outside of paper towels, outside of toilet paper, outside of drink bottles but this not and no bottles in here, those go in the blue bin.

What is that that you have in your hand, Nirel? So this is landfill, unfortunately. What's the reference to know? So there's no triangle on here that has any number. I got it, okay. So for me, I knew correctly, for me, if there's no triangle, it would be wish cycling to put it in the recycling. That's one way to start. Yes. How would you explain it? No, that's good. See how noisy it is? And it doesn't stay in crunched up. See how this--see, it's wadded up. This doesn't. So just a little test for you. This is film. This is not. What about the stretch wrap that comes on our skid? We have to go to a different place, but that's on the list. Yes, it's on the list. Yep. But don't put it in the blue recycling bin. No. Those are what I'm taking out a lot. And we learned from the people at Scarce that even if black plastic has a number on it there's currently no market for it, so unfortunately that has to go in the landfill as well. And the other thing we just learned, Erin and I just learned, we visited the facility that does a lot of the sorting of the plastics.

So it's not only that there's no market for the black plastic, but the new optical sorter so computers with eyes that's on the conveyor looks at it. They can't read the black or the very dark plastic, so the dark green, the dark brown mushrooms come in now that I cannot read the



750 N. BAKER DRIVE, ITASCA, IL 60143 • 1.800.419.4583 • F: 888.371.8314

dark plastic. So now there's two reasons we can't put that in the recycling bin. But our paper towels and cardboard can go in our compost bin.

Yes, yes, and I want to see the branded dishes. Oh, well, they're all being washed. Oh, are there some there? Oh, good. I want to see this. Yeah. Yeah, we didn't use, well, we had to for the soup, unfortunately, but we had all our flatware and dishes today. We're not going to the landfill.

So I have a question, are black plastic bag. Are those recyclable? Use those for garbage. See, we went to a customer of ours that manufactured black plastic bags and they recycle it and they reuse it. Well in their process they could probably reuse it to make another bag. If they can do it, that's great. And wow, you guys are the first. You guys are the first class I got to tell you.

Is that amazing? I want a picture of this before we go, cause you guys are first. I have a picture I'll send you from our holiday party when we have the whole table set and that looks nice with the napkins. The coffee cups, the whole deal. I'll send over the pictures

Actually, I forgot. When I ran to get that, did you guys talk about our visit to Scarce? Okay, so we took a field trip where, do you guys have questions? Okay, so when we took a field trip to Scarce, we got to see what they do there, and it's open to the public. It is 10 minutes from here, straight down Rolling Road. So if anybody has anything they are shopping for, it's a great place to go, that necklace Jenna's wearing today. She purchased that. I missed that. And I don't know, Betty, do we still have the chord saved up for them to take from the paper? Yes, and I saved. Betty still wants that bracelet. Yes, I guess. I will. You can't wait for your bracelet. So first of all, I didn't know the battery started so great. We collected them. We still have to get them over to Hazchem, we're collecting them. Good very important. Yeah. Oh, we have a lot of Christmas lights for you.

Okay, and how have you started the seedlings for the peppers? No, to grow the peppers because that was amazing last year. We did it from a little plants last year. So, he built bins to grow the garden for vegetables. And we're to you, the lady. Betty. We did all the watering. Betty. Yup. That was fabulous. I mean, they were like luscious and thick and fabulous. She let me get dirty planting them, you know. (audience laughing)

See, guys, churches and businesses and schools and park districts and libraries and cities are working on this flag that you're getting today. It does not mean everything's perfect, it does not mean everything's done. It kind of means that this is the momentum, this is the direction an organization is going. We are going to help take care of the planet, we're going to save energy, we're going to reduce pollution with batteries, right? We're going to figure out ways to reduce pallets. We kind of lead the way. If we lead the way here at work or at our church or wherever, that helps us lead the way at home as well. It kind of sends over that message to both.



750 N. BAKER DRIVE, ITASCA, IL 60143 • 1.800.419.4583 • F: 888.371.8314

And so I know Erin and I have been really grateful to work with you guys and enjoy it. Yeah. I've just been so impressed with the enthusiasm that you guys have. You've taken the information that we have given you and really run with it. You're always asking what's next. And sometimes when we're working with organizations, you kind of just have to push them along a little bit, but you guys are absolutely self-motivated and I'm excited to continue working with you guys to see what the future holds for you. So, congratulations.

I think one of the things that I really enjoyed is the family atmosphere here. We're all on the same page and we're all kind of taking care of each other and you're lucky to be here young man. (audience laughing) I just feel like it's very comfortable here that we're working towards the same goal. Taking care of kids, the future, the planet, clean air. And so really, as Erin said, we're delighted to work with you guys, and we are looking forward to next steps, and I have my shirt on. My sweatshirts were very, very soft and very nice. So, do you want to talk about the proclamation?

Yes, well, I get to say a lot of whereas, so it's the technical term that we get to talk about. But this is the county's way of commending you for being more environmentally conscious, working with Kay. She has never told me, I shouldn't tell this story, but my children are in their early 30s, and Kay taught them how to recycle in elementary school. (audience laughing) I'm not saying I'm old, but I'm saying your mission has never changed, and I appreciate that because she is my recycling guru, and if I have questions about those things. I know I have an expert to go to, so I appreciate that.

So, this is the formality of how this goes, whereas DuPage County adapted the DuPage County Solid Waste Management Plan, which includes environmental education activities and leadership recycling, and whereas Chicago Glue and Machine employees completed environmental education training to gain sustainability expertise, and whereas the Chicago Glue and Machine has exemplified sustainability at their campus by constructing a community garden and launching a food scrap composting program. And whereas Chicago Glue and Machine has implemented many environmentally friendly practices, including establishing Stuck-On Sustainability, SOS, an employee green team. And whereas Chicago Glue and Machine has conserved resources by launching a comprehensive recycling program and switching to reusable in the lunchroom. And whereas the Chicago Glue and Machine has reduced water consumption, both at the campus and at employee homes by testing and fixing toilets. And whereas the DuPage County Board recognizes Chicago Glue and Machine for its leadership in reducing their impact on the environment and has there by earned their Earth flag as a symbol of their accomplishment. And whereas the DuPage County Board finds Chicago Glue and Machine is a valuable member of the County of DuPage and their efforts have improved the quality of life of the DuPage County community. Now therefore, be it resolved that Deborah Conroy, who is our chairman of the board, chair of the DuPage County Board and members of the County Board do hereby commend Chicago Glue and Machine on their exemplary efforts and sustainability accomplishments. This 29th day of March 2023.  
[Applause]



750 N. BAKER DRIVE, ITASCA, IL 60143 • 1.800.419.4583 • F: 888.371.8314

Can we skooch up to the middle. And you know I've got Austin, we're going to get that fixed. Send them a new one. Without a typo of the idea. Coming forward. When you come right up here, you come right up here, right here, right here, right there. Oh, he's going to not get fooled. He's got a shirt on. It was meant to be. Very good. There we go. All right, there you go. Perfect.

Can you guys come up and take your hand up on here? Come on. We'll all fit in. You can put your hand on it. So you guys, this is the Earth flag. This flag is made out of water bottles, so when you put your water bottles into the recycling bin, they really do get recycled and turned into a really fabulous fabric. And if you look at this Earth flag, this is the continent of Africa. This was taken by the crew of Apollo 8 when they were in space right before Christmas in 1968. First on TV then, it was black and white when I was in school in 1968 when I was in school. So yes I'm old.

I just think it is such an amazing planet that we live on that we share with all the whales and everything else right, and we were just at a school, Sheila and I in Villa Park and it was an early childhood center and so when we opened the flag, this little girl was maybe three and a half, four years old. She points at it, and she goes, "That's where we live!" [laughter] I mean, she's this big, and she understands that this is ours to protect. This is ours to enjoy, but this is ours to protect, and make sure that everything gets to be sustainable and have a good life. So, we are really grateful. Any time you guys have questions, comments, give us a call. We will certainly answer those emails. And I hope that you guys, do you have a flag pole yet? Not yet. So hang it in the office. We will find a safe place to keep it. Isn't it beautiful, you guys? So congratulations. We are all very interested in doing this but we could not have come this far without all of your guidance. So really it has been a collaborative effort with Scarce. Well that's what we need to do right? So thanks you guys.