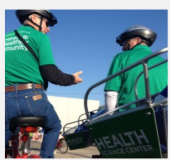




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Sustainable *UNTHSC*

Earth Day 2013:

Over 600 People Attended!

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The Office of Sustainability within Facilities Management hosted the university's Earth Day Event on April 23rd where over 600 people attended! Fifteen staff and students from all over campus made up the planning committee, and almost **40 people volunteered** for the event which included:



- FREE Community-Wide Electronic Recycling
- External & Internal Booths
- Upcycled/Repurposed Photo Contest & Gallery
- Zero-Waste Food Event
- Office Spring Cleaning

Students and employees received a **reusable bag** and participation passport card at the event and were able to learn about a variety of topics from the 25 different booths. Topics included gardening, composting, energy efficiency, bicycling in Fort Worth, recycling on campus, and City of Fort Worth services, just to name a few. Those who participated in at least four booths were put in a drawing, and **18 people won prizes** from our sponsors which included area businesses and restaurants. The Upcycled/Repurposed Photo Gallery and Contest had 14 entries, and **Amy Baker won** based on the tally of 170 votes!

One hundred people donated old electronics as part of the event for a total of **5,182 lbs.!** The campus will receive **\$155** for the items donated which will be used to fund environmental improvements on campus.

Food and drinks were served as part of the Zero-Waste Food Event meaning that **over 90%** of the waste generated from serving food was diverted from the landfill! We accomplished this by composting the used tableware, giving away reusable cutlery, and people using their own reusable cup for drinks.

Watch the [EARTH DAY 2013 Highlight Video!](#)



Jessica Nu
TCOM Student



"Sustainability is a buzz word that is commonly thrown around nowadays, meaning different things to different people. I interpret it as a practice that encourages people to use the earth's renewable resources while having a minimal impact on the environment. As a medical student, I can't always live as sustainably as I would prefer, but I practice vermicomposting in my apartment which allows me to sustainably recycle my food waste. The majority of it gets converted into plant compost by my red wiggler worms, which not only cuts down on trash but also creates a pesticide-free fertilizer that plants love."

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Fort Worth Bike Share:

Healthy and Eco-Friendly Transportation



On Earth Day, April 22nd, the City of Fort Worth launched its new bike share program. Hundreds of volunteers rode from downtown to dock the new bikes in the almost 30 stations located through the areas of Downtown, Near Southside, the Cultural District, and TCU's campus. Mayor Betsy Price rang the ceremonial bike bell to officially launch the program.

Learn More

The bike share is a city-wide network of bike stations that provide healthy, eco-friendly, and affordable transportation around the city. The station located on UNTHSC's campus is located near the Center for Bio-Health (CBH) Building off of Camp Bowie Blvd. UNTHSC receives discounts off annual memberships for being a sponsor location. Employees should use promo code "untemployee", and students should use promo code "untstudent" along with their "@live.unthsc.edu" email address. Learn more at FortWorthBikeSharing.org.



How Does It Work?

Step 1: Purchase a membership (day, week, month or year).

Step 2: Check-out a bike at any station.

Step 3: Ride the bike to your destination.

Step 4: Return the bike to any station.

Watch the
[Launch Day Video!](#)

Water Stations:

Five Additional Stations Installed on Campus

Last year the Office of Sustainability purchased seven water stations for campus using funds from the Environmental Service Fee. The purpose of the stations is to promote healthy and sustainable practices on campus. In

February, the Sustainability Committee voted to install five additional water stations. They were placed in locations based on comments received from the campus community. The new stations are

in the MET 1st floor, CBH 3rd floor, the Patient Care Center, and the Everett 5th and 7th floors. As of the end of May, UNTHSC has helped eliminate waste

Helped eliminate waste from

As of May 2013

00064,222

disposable plastic bottles

from 64,222 disposable plastic bottles!

Remember to bring your

reusable water bottle to campus and support our efforts to promote a healthier and more sustainable university! Learn more about the features of the stations and where they are located [here](#).



1000 Pledges and Counting!



Coming Soon to UNTHSC

Renewal of Parking Passes: Does Your Car Qualify for a Discount?— UNTHSC offers discounted parking passes to people who drive low emission vehicles. To see if your car qualifies, visit the transportation page on our [website](#).

Additional Recycling 2.0 Receptacle— An additional Recycling 2.0 receptacle for batteries, ink cartridge, and cell phones will be placed in the library once the Library Courtyard opens in the summer of 2013.

Sustainability Liaison Program—This new program will enhance two-way communication between the Office of Sustainability and different departments and schools. If you're interested in learning more, please contact us!