

# BEARRIERS BULLETIN

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## Fertile Groundworks

On May 1st, eight club members volunteered at Fertile Groundworks, a local farm in the Tri-Valley. These volunteers worked hard to rake the ground, sow the soil, and take care of the fruits and vegetables that grow there.



Some batteries that were collected for this project.

## Battery Collection

On April 2nd, Yashas S. proposed a battery collection project to the rest of the Breaking BEARriers Club. And now, that project is finally coming to a close. Over the course of more than a month, the Breaking BEARriers managed to collect more than 1,000 alkaline batteries, as well as numerous other electronic devices, all supplied by our local Tri-Valley community.

The two coordinators and organizers of this project were Yashas and Kevin T, who helped manage the battery donations as well as communicate with collaborators. Additionally, our club collaborated with a local organization called

## Upcoming Projects

The Breaking BEARriers Club has some projects that are planned to happen in the future.

These projects include:

### ◆ AAPI Podcast Project

*Because a large majority of our club members are AAPI (Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders), we are planning on hosting a podcast that covers topics about the AAPI community. This podcast will discuss subjects such as Asian culture and impact.*

### ◆ STEM In Africa (SIA)

*STEM In Africa is an organization that advocates for making STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education for accessible and affordable in African countries. Our club plans to form a partnership and work with them soon.*

### ◆ COVID-19 in India Relief

*As many of you know, recently, a new deadly coronavirus strain was discovered in India. Our club plans to try to help out with this situation, most likely by donating or fundraising.*

"Recycle My Battery", who kindly helped us relocate these collected batteries to a safe and eco-friendly recycling center.

Aside from this short-term month-long project, the Breaking BEARriers are also looking to transforming battery collection into a long-term project, and dedicating ourselves to ensuring that batteries are safely recycled.

## Organization of the Year

The Breaking BEARriers recently received the award for the Dublin 2020 Organization of the Year! On May 18th, two club representatives, Angelina W. and Ryanne M., attended a Dublin City Council meeting to give a brief speech on the club and to thank the Mayor and City Council.



*A screenshot of Ryanne (left) and Angelina (right) speaking at the Dublin City Council meeting on May 18th.*

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