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GREEN 'THINKING' = GREEN FESTIVAL

"It is surprising with a little effort how much impact 'green thinking' can have on our environment and at the same time impact the way people think about their contribution or destruction of the planet. Using the Resurrection Parish festival as an example, I am amazed how little waste is generated relative to the number of people who attend the event. Using recycled products where possible and composting food scraps, as well as volunteers teaching attendees what products can and should be kept away from the landfill, has yielded a substantial amount of compost & recycling material that can be used in the next circle of life rather than spending hundreds or thousands of years in a hole slowly decaying, or worse."

-Greg Lenz, Chair of the Social Justice Committee, Resurrection

RESURRECTION ALWAYS GROWING GREEN

Here are the results from all of our Green Efforts at this year's Parish Festival:

- 3,000 pounds of "trash" were collected
- 2020 pounds of this was sent to be made into compost (food scraps and compostable dinnerware)
- 750 pounds of waste was recycled (paper, cardboard, aluminum, plastic)
- only 230 pounds of waste was taken to the landfill

Thanks to the efforts of our Festival chairs and committee members who purchase products that protect God's creation. Also, thanks to the Green Team and festival participants who placed their waste in the appropriate bin. Once again we found it is easy and satisfying to practice environmental stewardship in our homes, at work, and in our outside activities.

As Pope Francis said "As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling."