



# Green Neighbors

**Support Green Projects  
in Your Community,  
Offset Your Carbon Footprint,  
--- And Take a Tax Deduction!**

**Have you done all that you can to be green, but still feel the need to do more?**

Help your local school, community center or neighborhood park be more environmentally friendly by participating in **Green Neighbors**.

## How It Works

- 1.** You visit [www.bringlight.com](http://www.bringlight.com) to view projects in your city.
- 2.** You make a donation directly to the project on the **Bring Light** web site.
- 3.** 100% of the donation goes to the project and you receive maximum tax benefit.

## About Green Neighbors

**Green Neighbors** is a project of Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network's Climate Protection Task Force. The members of the Task Force (44 cities, counties, and special districts in Silicon Valley) created Green Neighbors to help community-based organizations raise funds for a variety of projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support sustainability.

**Green Neighbors** projects are posted on the web site of our partner **Bring Light**, and managed by a certified 501 (c)(3) organization so that all contributions are tax deductible to donors.

100% of your donation goes to the project and you will receive the maximum tax benefit. And, since you can contribute to charities in your neighborhood, you can check on the progress of the project and meet fellow neighbors who have also participated.

## Green Neighbors Project Ideas

The program is just getting started. Here are some of the projects we're targeting:

- Fund neighborhood tree plantings in a local park.
- Buy energy efficient lighting systems for non-profits, schools, or low income families.
- Install a solar water heater at the community swimming pool.
- Buy a hybrid or electric vehicle for city hall.
- Help non-profit organizations conduct home energy audits.
- Help a disadvantaged family insulate their home and save money.
- Buy solar panels for a school or community center.

## For Non-Profits

Non-profit (501(c)(3)) organizations may use **Bring Light** to raise all or part of the cost of a project. They can request their contributions from Bring Light when the project is fully funded, or whenever they are ready to use the funds. Organizations pay Bring Light a fee to cover the cost of operation.

## About Bring Light

**Joint Venture** has partnered with **Bring Light**. Founded by two veterans of Adobe Systems, Bring Light offers non-profit organizations the opportunity to use the Bring Light web site to raise funds for specific projects. Bring Light is a for profit company that screens all projects and organizations to make sure they are legitimate and fully tax deductible. Bring Light also helps the charities with their project descriptions and provides tools to help them reach out to the community and raise funds.

## Green Neighbors Partners



### Joint Venture Silicon Valley

Green Neighbors is a program led by the Climate Task Force



### Bring Light

Company that provides the ease of online donation and the benefits of tax deduction through their partnership with American Endowment Fund.