

Recychos

Profile



The Inspiration

Paper waste has been a growing problem for years. While education on this issue has improved, often schools do not implement the recycling strategies taught to their students.



The Idea

Travis, of Providence, RI, was frustrated when he realized that his school did not recycle at all. He began talking with his friends and together they decided to do something to help reduce their school's waste.

The Venture

The Recychos launched in January 2007, starting a school wide recycling program that began simply with paper and quickly evolved to include plastic, cardboard, glass, and aluminum. They implemented a compost system and planted a memory garden in honor of a student who passed away. The Recychos are converting a bus to run on biodiesel fuel, planting two more community gardens, and recording their own album to inspire all ages to take care of the environment.

The Impact

The Recychos have saved over 600 lbs of paper and massive amounts of glass, plastic, cardboard and aluminum from being dumped in landfills. They have been embraced by their school and community, resulting in a growing number of team members. The Recychos are reaching out to other school campuses in RI to make their community greener. The Team was launched as a result of Youth Venture's partnership with The Big Picture Company.

