



Season's Greetings from Your Friends at the Center for Environmental Health!



CEH Staff from left to right: Michael Green, Alexa Engelman, Sue Chiang, PJ Johnson, Christine Cordero, Cathy Greene, Caroline Cox, Charlie Pizarro and Jennifer Kim. Not pictured: Charles Margulis.

Our Best to You this Holiday Season!

As we take a moment to reflect on CEH's work in 2006, we send you our warmest wishes for this Holiday Season. We'd also like to give thanks for our good fortune: it's an honor to work in an effort that touches the lives and the health of families across the country. We're grateful that so many hundreds of people like you care about this essential work, that you support it, and that you entrust it to CEH.

Our deepest thanks to you.

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Please help CEH protect families from toxic chemicals!

CEH is a nonprofit organization, and our far-reaching work is only possible because of the generous contributions of our donors. As the end of the year approaches, please consider making a gift now. By donating before the end of the year, you will not only safeguard public health, you may also reduce your 2006 income tax burden.

There are many ways to donate to CEH:

Make a gift in honor of a loved one! We'll notify the recipient(s) that you made a contribution to CEH in their name(s).

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Contribute directly from your IRA*. If you are age 70½ or older and you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), you can donate up to \$100,000 to charity both this year and next year. This distribution will not be taxed as income since CEH is eligible to receive tax-deductible donations.

Thank you for helping CEH protect public health!

*Please consult your accountant and/or tax advisor to determine how this type of gift may benefit you. Contact Jennifer Kim, Development Director, [Jennifer@cehca.org, 510-594-9864 ext 303] with any questions or concerns.

CEH's Work Forces Bush Administration to Act on Lead in Jewelry Response Still Too Slow, Say Health Advocates

In the wake of CEH's groundbreaking work to end the threat of lead-tainted jewelry, the Bush Administration's consumer protection agency has announced plans to develop federal rules on lead in jewelry. In December, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) finally voted to limit lead metal parts of children's jewelry. However, according to the agency, its process could take years before safety rules are enacted.



This follows a legal settlement outlining strict legal standards in California. Sponsored by CEH, the California standards will eliminate lead threats in all components of kid's jewelry. "Because of our work in California, a new standard has been set to protect kids from this dangerous lead exposure," said CEH Executive Director Michael Green. "Federal bans of these products could take years, so we urge parents to stay on the look out for lead-tainted jewelry. These toys are a threat to children." To protect kids, CEH advocates the regulation of all leaded components of children's jewelry. We call on CPSC to adopt meaningful protections similar to California's.

For more information, see <http://www.cehca.org/>

Take Action - Tell The Today Show to Correct Organic Food Misinformation!

The holidays bring a wide variety of special foods, and many of us look for seasonal, local and organic ingredients when we're doing our holiday shopping. So it was disappointing when earlier this month NBC's Today Show ran a story painting organic food as unsafe, leaving viewers with the mistaken impression that food grown with toxic pesticides could be a "better buy." CEH is organizing a response to the show, calling on the producers to correct the fallacies presented and to give equal time to the social, health, and environmental benefits of organics.

Please join CEH in asking the Today Show to get the facts right.

Shopping for Electronics? A Holiday E-Waste Reminder

During the holidays countless consumers replace slow, outdated computers and electronics with the latest and fastest models. Upgrades like this are always welcome, but unfortunately they also create a post-holiday pile of discarded electronic equipment. Are you wondering what to do with these items?



This season, check out the e-waste hints from the Computer Take Back Campaign (CTBC). Their website includes tips for finding responsible electronics recyclers in many states: <http://www.computertakeback.com/>. For a list of responsible electronics recyclers in the San Francisco Bay Area, go to:

<http://www.cehca.org/electronicrecycling.htm>.

One hint from CTBC: if you can't find an e-waste recycler in your area, for \$10 Dell will take back any computer (even if it is not a Dell machine)!

CEH serves on the Campaign's Steering Committee and acts as liaison between CTBC and major health care corporations that are looking to implement more responsible practices when they buy new equipment and dispose of old electronics. Learn more at <http://www.noharm.org/us/electronics/issue>

Protecting Families from Toxic Chemicals — A Decade of Success

In September, CEH achieved something that many public health organizations never see – we completed our tenth year. Over the last decade, CEH has made itself one of the nation's go-to organizations for issues involving public health and toxic chemicals. Looking ahead, CEH is preparing to address the environmental health threats that will affect us all in the next decade. From untested pesticides and industrial pollution to electronic waste and consumer health hazards, CEH is creating a plan to eliminate the unspoken health threats of our day.

To celebrate the first ten years of CEH's achievements and to lay a foundation for the next ten years' worth, we've kicked off an ambitious fundraising campaign. Our goal is to raise \$200,000 in special gifts. We know meeting this goal will be a challenge, but we're hard at work on it.

Our fundraising campaign will also feature an event next Spring. If you can join us, please plan on having fun and kicking up your heels.

For more information about the campaign or the event, please contact Jennifer Kim, Development Director, [Jennifer@cehca.org, 510-594-9864 ext 303]