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Kenyan Teen Among 2022 International Young Eco-Hero Award Winners

Local Student Receives Top Honor for Contributions to Solving Environmental Problems

San Francisco – Sushil John Amalor, a 16 year-old from Nairobi, Kenya, is one of sixteen young environmental activists from across the globe to receive a 2022 International Young Eco-Hero Award, announced Action For Nature today. This award honors eco-conscious youth ages 8 to 16 who are taking crucial steps to solve tough environmental problems.

Winners of the International Young Eco-Hero Award are selected by a panel of independent judges, including experts in environmental science, biology, and education. Since 2003, Action For Nature has recognized more than 341 Eco-Heroes from over 31 countries and 26 U.S. states.

Sushil won Third Place in the 13-16 year-old category for his project, "Improved Food Circularity To Protect The Environment and Feed The Needy."

In 2018, Sushil's family was very short on food. Living from fruit trees and offerings from neighbors, he realized the importance of food and knew that many other families were in similar situations. He decided he had to act. Sushil started small, with bake sales and car washes to help the community. Sushil then planted 2,500 fruit trees in the outskirts of Nairobi. The fruit produced by the trees — pawpaw, avocado, mango, oranges — allowed him to start up a food bank, while also supporting a healthy ecosystem. Sushil then successfully partnered with local supermarkets and restaurants to collect food headed to the trash and get it to hungry people in need. Not only does this program strengthen the community, it also reduces methane emissions that are created from food waste.

"Young people like Sushil have shown that the next generation of leaders is here, and they are taking action across the globe now to address the climate crisis and solve local, national, and global environmental challenges," said Beryl Kay, President of Action For Nature, an international non-profit organization that encourages young people to nurture a love and respect for the Earth and to take personal action to improve the environment. "The projects that young people like Sushil have created are having real and important impacts on their communities, helping to solve global climate challenges, and are inspiring others – including adults – to do what they can to help."

"My goal is to establish food sustainability," said Sushil. "I want to provide food to the needy and also protect the environment."

To read more about Sushil's work, visit youtu.be/S800GW2hLZI.

To learn more about this year's International Young Eco-Hero Award winners, visit www.actionfornature.org.

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Action For Nature (AFN) is an international non-profit organization based in San Francisco, California, that encourages young people to nurture a love and respect for Earth's natural resources and to take personal action to protect the environment.