



Ray C. Anderson Foundation 10th Annual RayDay Celebration

RayDay 2024 annual celebration was hosted by the [Ray C. Anderson Foundation](#) that brings people together, encourages conversations and connections, and continues to spread the word about sustainability. It is a celebration of [Ray Anderson's legacy](#). It was a one-day course on sustainable living, outdoors in a Serenbe country meadow with over 2,200 other classmates. It was tons of fun for the whole family, with great food and drink and more than 60 sustainability-focused learning booths, and much more. It was Ray Anderson's tireless efforts to make this a better world for Tomorrow's Child that inspired the creation of RayDay.



Exhibitor List: <https://www.raycandersonfoundation.org/assets/pdfs/Exhibitor%20List%20100724.pdf>

Solar Microgrid Trailer

A mobile solar microgrid was on display, demonstrating the ability to use clean, solar power for early response teams going into areas where natural disasters have occurred.

A team of early responders who took the solar microgrid on its first deployment in the past three weeks were on hand to demonstrate the trailer's capabilities and answer questions.

Project Partners: [Ray C. Anderson Foundation](#), [Footprint Project](#), [North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church](#), [United Methodist Committee on Relief \(UMCOR\)](#), Cherry Street Energy, Adion Solar and Sol-Ark Solar

- The first mobile solar microgrid made in Georgia, for use in Georgia
- 100% clean, renewable solar power
- Completely portable with total battery storage capacity

of 38.4 kilowatt-hours

- Many uses: lights, cooling station, medical devices, cell phone charging, refrigeration for food & medicines, and additional power source to allow traditional generators to expand their capabilities.

Electric Vehicle Showcase

RayDay presented a showcase of electric and hydrogen powered vehicles, many of which are manufactured in Georgia. Guests spoke with manufacturing experts, checked out the power systems and even sat behind the wheels of:

- **Yamaha Hydrogen Golf Car** –Yamaha's prototype hydrogen DRIVE H2 golf car features a zero-emissions engine, showcasing a new era in eco-friendly mobility.
- Yamaha E-Bikes (2) Yamaha's power-assisted e-bikes elevate performance, delivering trail power and street speeds up to 28 mph.
- [Blue Bird EV School Bus](#) – manufactured in Fort Valley, Georgia
- Kia EV9 – manufactured in West Point, Georgia
- Porsche Macan
- Ford 150 Lightning – part of the Cobb County Government Fleet
- Amplify Your Ride (Based in Chattahoochee Hills, GA)
- STAR EV Electric 14 passenger bus
- STAR EV Work Machine



Gardens is working with Think Green, Inc and Truly Living Well Center for Natural Urban Agriculture to provide free composting to residents of several of Atlanta's most disinvested neighborhoods. The program is called Westside Compost. Compost buckets are provided for free to residents and picked up weekly on their doorsteps. Many of the residents are also urban farmers participating in the Westside Growers program, where they sell fruits and vegetables in a weekly market. They can receive fresh, free compost for their gardens in exchange for their kitchen and yard scraps collected through Westside Compost. [See this interview](#) with grant partner Khari Diop of Think Green, Inc., and see [this blog](#) highlighting the grant.

Other Exhibitors were:

- 1. Georgia Clinicians for Climate Action (GaCCA), Mothers & Others for Clean Air (MOCA) and Georgia State Medical Association (GSMA) (all in Booth # 49)** are [working together to educate and empower city and county leaders and medical practitioners throughout Georgia](#) to advocate for and apply for Federal grants available to put more electric school buses on Georgia's roads. Electric school buses protect children from dirty diesel exhaust, a known carcinogen that can trigger asthma attacks and interfere with brain development and learning.
They are doing so through a Drawdown Georgia Climate Solutions and Equity Grant. [Blue Bird Corporation](#) had an electric school bus on display in the courtyard.
- 2. New Sustainable Transportation Toolkit** [Drawdown Georgia](#) and [Go Georgia](#) (formerly Georgia Bikes) just published a [Sustainable Transportation Toolkit](#).
- 3. Historic Westside Gardens - Westside Compost Program**
Another grantee of the Drawdown Georgia Climate Solutions & Equity Grant program, Historic Westside

