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## Pathways enlists team for 'green' breakfast

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Pathways Hospice is working to make its Breakfast in the Park, a family-oriented fundraiser featuring locally made breakfast items, as environmentally friendly as possible.

The event is July 31 at City Park in Fort Collins.

Pathways is teaming up with the city of Fort Collins and Gallegos Sanitation Inc. to make it a near-zero waste event. Event planners are hoping 60 percent to 85 percent of the solid waste generated by the event can be recycled or composted rather than sent to the landfill.

"We feel it is important to collaborate with local restaurants, food providers and supporters that share

### Breakfast in the Park

> **When:** 8:30 to 11 a.m.

> **Where:** Fort Collins City Park, Shelter No. 7

> **Activities:** Optional butterfly release, face painting, balloon artist, train rides and games

> **Tickets:** \$7 for adults, \$5 for children and \$10 for butterfly release in honor of a loved one.

> **Information:** [www.pathways-care.org](http://www.pathways-care.org) or (970) 663-3500

a commitment to the community and embrace the benefits of good environmental practices," said Kim Mueller, Pathways marketing and outreach executive.

Organizers are encouraging practices that promote resource conservation, composting and waste reduction. Pathways Hospice worked closely with GSI to assure the

event sponsors will eliminate as much waste as possible. All paper products purchased for the breakfast are biodegradable and compostable. And rather than guests tossing their plates, cups, utensils and paper napkins in the trash, they will be directed to place them in a compost bin.

A Resource Recovery Station provided by GSI

will be available onsite for the collection of compostable and recyclable materials. Becca Walkinshaw, sustainability coordinator for Gallegos Sanitation, has worked closely with staff and will speak at a volunteer committee meeting before the event to discuss best practices for zero-waste events and consequential benefits.

Volunteers will supervise the waste stations during the event to educate guests on proper discard into three waste-stream containers: single-stream recycling of plastic, glass and metal; compostable-food scraps, recycling paper napkins, plates, cups and sporks; and landfill-eligible materials that cannot be composted or recycled.