

## **IGI Jewelers On A Mission \$5,000 Grant Recipient Named**

*Yates & Co Jewelers selected to receive credits toward achieving carbon neutrality*

**NEW YORK** (Nov. 23, 2021) — The International Gemological Institute (IGI), the world’s largest independent gemological laboratory, today announced Yates & Co as their Jewelers On A Mission campaign awardee. Yates & Co will be mentored by IGI and work with SCS Global Services (SCS) to actively offset their carbon emissions, beginning with an evaluation of greenhouse gas output.

“Utilizing ethically sourced materials for our fine jewelry has always been top priority and continues to be, but we are ready to do more,” said Yates & Co Jewelers Store Manager Ashton Yates-Woolley. “With the help of IGI and SCS we will transform our operations, furthering our environmental stewardship.”

IGI believes the environment is interdependent and every organization has a role to play. It is crucial that the gemological community answer world leaders’ calls to prevent further climate change and protect the planet, which is why the Institute created its community of jewelers dedicated to sustainability.

“We are thrilled by the passionate responses from jewelers seeking to advance their environmental efforts,” said IGI North America President Avi Levy. “We recognize that taking on carbon neutrality and other best practices may be challenging to implement; as a leader, we are determined to take what we have learned and empower others to take action where they can.”

[Yates & Co](#) has been serving the Modesto, Calif. area since 1988 with fine jewelry selections. The company started by selling rare coins, heirloom jewelry and diamonds from private individuals and estates. Today, the jeweler is known for its custom bridal and recycled vintage jewelry. To date, the company has connected with customers across the U.S. and 27 countries around the world.

To learn more about the Jewelers On A Mission campaign, and join the #JOAM team, visit [www.igi.org/sustainability](http://www.igi.org/sustainability)

### **About IGI**

The International Gemological Institute (IGI) has 20 laboratories and 14 education facilities in major diamond and jewelry centers around the world. For 45 years, IGI has provided the fine jewelry community and consumers with a broad range of services including natural and laboratory grown diamond reports, colored stone grading and origin reports, as well as jewelry identification and appraisal reports. With the increase of lab grown diamonds in the marketplace, IGI screens millions of natural and lab grown diamonds in order for the industry and consumers to receive the product they expect. Regardless of location or marketplace, an authentic IGI Laboratory Report is the common language of trust and confidence in the gemological world.