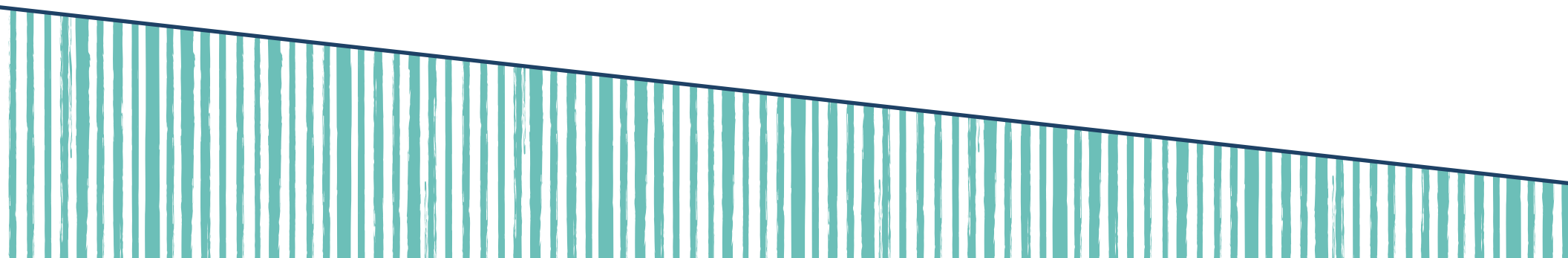


turning waste into  
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RESOURCE DEPOT





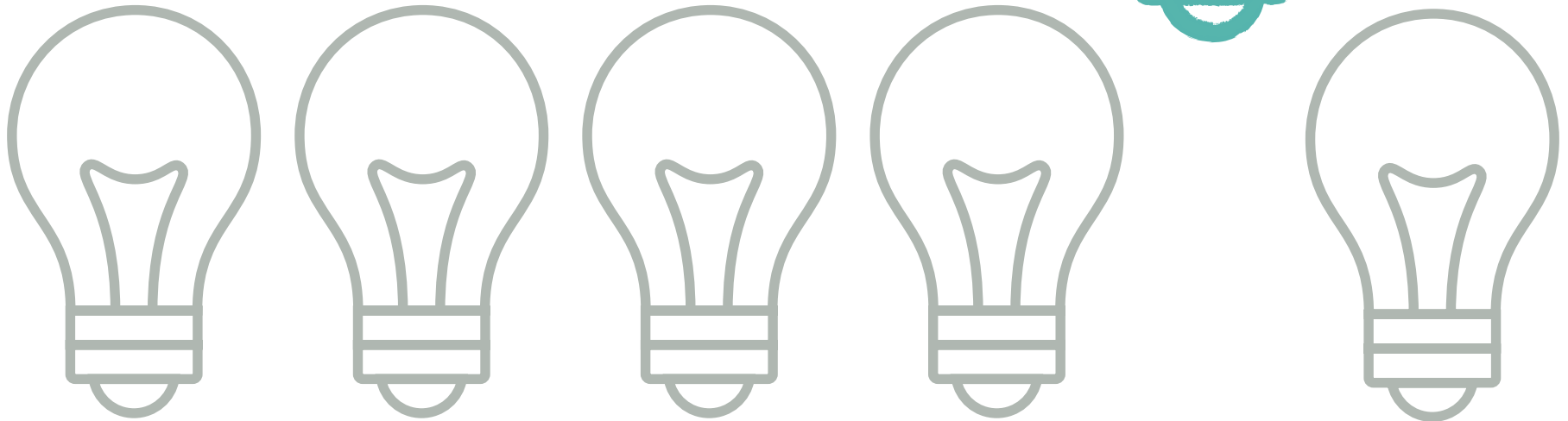
# HOW CAN ONE PERSON CHANGE THE WORLD?

Everyone who feels the drive to act for something bigger than themselves eventually asks this question: "I'm just one person. Can one person make a difference?"

Those of us who support Resource Depot know the answer is a resounding YES, because:

- One person can use a cloth bag at the grocery store.
- One person can take a reusable water bottle to the gym.
- One person can reuse a yogurt container for saving leftovers.
- One person can pick up a little trash as they walk along the beach.

Yes, one person can change the world. Today, that one person is **you**.





A top-down view of three children sitting around a large sheet of paper on the floor, drawing environmental illustrations with colored pencils. The drawings include a sun, a heart, a whale, a car, a lightbulb, a globe, a recycling symbol, a tree, a person, and a recycling bin. The children are focused on their work, with one child in the foreground drawing a globe and another in the background drawing a sun. The paper is covered with various sketches and drawings, showing a collaborative effort to create environmental art.

## RESOURCE DEPOT'S MISSION

Through Resource Depot, hundreds of caring individuals from every corner and industry of Palm Beach County are protecting the environment while creatively inspiring and teaching children and adults how and why to love the planet.

Some call it reuse; others say we recycle or upcycle. Whatever you call what we do, we are claiming responsibility for our own waste ... and instilling this responsibility in the next generation.

That's what we aspire to do, but today, we face an awareness challenge.

What's the first thing most people think of when they hear our name? "Oh, that's only for teachers!" Or, "The craft place! My son turned a toilet paper tube into a bird feeder."

Those perceptions are true: every day, Resource Depot inspires children and adults to express themselves through creating. And we will continue inspiring Palm Beach County.

But that's just part of the Resource Depot story.



# WHAT WE (REALLY) DO

Resource Depot inspires self-expression and protects the planet by partnering with businesses, agencies, artists, schools and community groups to make Palm Beach County a great place to be.

## Inspiring Self-Expression

Filled with a mesmerizing array of materials and staffed by supportive, encouraging volunteers and employees, Resource Depot offers the perfect safe atmosphere for visitors of all ages to explore self-expression, solitude or teamwork through creativity.

Teachers and students are our most consistent beneficiaries right now. (That's why we're known as "the teacher's place.") It's not unusual for an educator to face a new semester with empty cupboards; many spend their own money restocking classroom supplies. Without Resource Depot, students in schools with strapped budgets would face real roadblocks to learning and growth.

*"Creativity is putting your imagination to work, and it's produced the most extraordinary results in human culture."*

—Ken Robinson, educator



One teacher left an eye-opening comment:

*When I retired from teaching in Connecticut, I gave all my materials away. Then I was hired as a teacher in Florida. Essentially, the only thing in the classroom was furniture. I used Resource Depot to help me get my classroom equipped.*

Artist and art teacher Sarah Knouse has turned to Resource Depot for many of her art classes.

"When a student has a fantastic idea but needs something we don't have to finish, they inspire you, their teacher, to go out and get it. **That's why teachers are at risk for out-of-pocket spending.**"

Sarah knows from personal experience that our help is not simply monetary.

"Sometimes we'll visit Resource Depot as a class, and rather than giving students a specific assignment, I let the materials inspire them to create whatever comes to mind. I go to Resource Depot as an artist myself for creative brainstorming and problem solving. What comes out of those trips is amazing and fulfilling for all of us."



Dear Resource Depot,

Thank you so much for [in-kind] funding of our 2015 fashion club at Riviera Beach Maritime Academy. Your help made us able to compete in fashion shows and to make designs never made before. We made dresses, quilts and numerous other things. We look forward to continuing our fashion club when school starts back in August.

We are grateful for you helping us out on the fabrics. We couldn't have done it without you! Maybe next year, you can come to one of our fabulous shows. We believe your company would be pleased with our work.

Sincerely,  
The Fashion Club of Riviera Beach Maritime Academy  
Juan Barragan, Safa Batniji, Angelica Castillo  
and Angelica Watson

Sponsored by Mrs. Marilu White



# 2017 BY THE NUMBERS

Donations in total weight: **126.5** tons (as much as 25 African elephants!)



**415,215** people of all ages  
benefited from Resource Depot  
in 2016-2017 alone!



**630**  
COMMUNITY EVENTS



**4,275**  
VISITS

**2,725**  
teachers

**750**  
active members  
(annual average)

**530**  
families

**450**  
nonprofits

**120**  
schools/educational  
organizations

*\*all numbers rounded  
for easier reading*



### Artists of all levels seek out Resource Depot, too – amateur, professional and aspiring.

Brooklyn-based artist Alex Branch has exhibited around the world, creating interactive installations with built-in musical instruments from found objects that reflect the sounds of the space she's in. Branch created *Signal House* in our backyard using items she found at Resource Depot such as shipping pallets, a banister from a demolished condo and a boat's sail. She even used plastic tubing from a pipe organ to reflect the mournful whistle of the passing trains she heard while she worked on our property.

Resource Depot's warehouse of materials calls out to the artists hidden among us, too. We offer community programs, workshops and other hands-on opportunities for people of all ages to practice their art, try their hand at a new medium or simply share some creative camaraderie.

On what we call **Crafternoons**, third-, fourth- and fifth- grade students unleash their imaginations in our large warehouse of materials and produce personal works of art. Each **Crafternoons** class lasts three weeks, giving youngsters a real opportunity to expand their self-expression.

Our **GalleRE space** brings the works of local, regional and national visual artists to Palm Beach County residents. When visitors are inspired to try techniques themselves, **GalleRE workshops** allow almost every age to experiment with materials and art processes they'd likely never try at home. One of those is collagraph printmaking, which encourages experimentation through reusing and recycling found textures. Guest artists and reasonable rates make these learning experiences popular.

**These are the most readily apparent reasons for Resource Depot's existence: materials and inspiration. The most immediate need we serve is highly personal.**

Yet those irresistible boxes of buttons, bottles and fabric represent another need that's just as significant to our well-being. We protect our planet, especially the shores and beaches surrounding the waterways of Palm Beach County.



# PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT – AND TEACHING OUR CHILDREN WHY

We're incredibly lucky to be in Palm Beach County, where we can enjoy the natural beauty of green spaces, beaches and water. One reason these areas stay beautiful is the Solid Waste Authority (one of our partners), which built a state-of-the-art facility to burn 100% of the residential trash it receives, reducing the trash to ash that takes up 90% less space in a landfill. Unfortunately, not everything gets there.

Plastic and glass bottles end up in the water. Furniture is abandoned along back roads. Cardboard boxes are blown away from beside dumpsters. All kinds of waste are thoughtlessly tossed out of car windows or simply stacked on sidewalks, littering our beaches, streets and landscapes.

However, individuals don't generate waste alone. Construction sites end up with extra tiles, bricks, shingles, lumber and metal scraps. A rehabbed home results in bits of wallpaper, old stair rails, wrought-iron fencing and lots of curious surprises.

**All this waste is so unnecessary ... because Palm Beach County has Resource Depot.**

Resource Depot partners with advocates of sustainability. We collect unwanted items for reuse, and we keep an ear to the ground to know who needs what type of supplies ... knowing you will help us deliver solutions.

Here's how we connect needs with solutions in Palm Beach County.



## IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITY

PVC pipes left over from irrigating a field



## COMMUNITY RESPONSE

Donations (and volunteers) to Resource Depot



## RESOURCE DEPOT ACTION

Deliver supplies, offer creative solutions



## RESULT

Pipes used in a school's teaching garden!




Florida generates almost 15 tons of trash *every day*.

(15 states produce at or below Florida's rate.)

**RESOURCE DEPOT ACCEPTS A  
THIRD OF A TON DAILY.**



 each trash can represents 1 ton  
the grayed out area represents the  
portion that Resource Depot takes



We want to inspire the next generation to value and care for the planet they're inheriting. As we encourage young people to have fun with our materials, Resource Depot educates them about their impact on the environment.

**REImagine** consists of six one-hour, hands-on expanded learning opportunities (ELO) to engage youth in their after-care sites in collaborative projects that demonstrate the who, what and why of creative reuse. Learning and leadership is youth-focused in each ELO, where students:

- Actively explore how the cycle of waste can be interrupted by their conscious, positive actions toward the environment.
- Discover reuse strategies for reducing the amount of materials joining the local waste stream.
- Integrate hands-on art into language arts, technology, engineering, science and social entrepreneurship.

#### **IMPACT: Resource Depot and the Solid Waste Authority**

Landfills are changing because consumer habits are not. Resource Depot partners with the Solid Waste Authority to *reduce residential waste by 90% and generate electricity for thousands of Palm Beach County homes.*

At summertime **Junk Camps**, kids from kindergarten to fifth grade think they're on a wild scavenger hunt to find pieces for creating a masterpiece. But along the way, they are experiencing the real effects of waste and learning to alter the way they think about items they and their family use every day.

#### **IMPACT: Resource Depot and Catwalk Student Fashion Show**

A skirt made of twisted maps or pleated book pages? How about a dress bodice made from floppy disks? Regardless of their sewing, design or modeling experience, elementary to high school students combine their personal tastes in attire with creative ways to reuse materials to produce avant-garde fashions culminating in the Catwalk Student Fashion Show.

Weekly Resource Depot workshops teach students sewing machine and construction techniques and guide them in using materials selected from our warehouse. As they create, students discuss the environmental impact of trash and reuse. They feel as though they're on their own Project Runway TV show, but here, everyone's a winner!





# WHY WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

The best thing we could do is work ourselves out of a job. Unfortunately, that's not happening.

The environmental outcomes of litter have economic impacts. Areas like Palm Beach County lose tourism revenue. Educational institutions spend \$241 million each year for litter clean-up. Businesses pay \$9.1 billion in litter clean-up costs. States, cities and counties expend \$1.3 billion on litter abatement; moreover, litter removal is often a hidden cost within other expenses, which makes determining the actual annual cost difficult.

Although more and more people are recognizing that recycling is better than discarding and reusing is better than recycling, consumer habits are slow to change ... and getting manufacturers to stop producing items like plastic bottles is tough. Although a decrease in donations of unwanted items to Resource Depot would be good news if it meant people were reusing them on their own, we can't wait for this to happen.

Our solution is to slow down what's discarded through reuse and education. We believe it's a cause people like you can get behind.

## What's So Special About Resource Depot?

Since 1999, when concerned people from the Solid Waste Authority, the Children's Services Council, Florida Power & Light and the Palm Beach County School District came together to form Resource Depot, we've been diverting materials from the landfill into the hands of residents who can reuse them for education and artistic expression ... all while protecting our corner of the planet.

**Resource Depot has been Accredited for Excellence in Nonprofit Management by Nonprofits First since 2013 and is featured in the Extraordinary Charities Directory for Charitable Giving.**

Today, Resource Depot repurposes almost **200,000** pounds of discarded materials every year.

We have one focus: inspiring individuals to improve their world through reuse and recycling. The potential ripple effect is enormous, and it starts right here ... with one individual partnering with Resource Depot.





## Sustainability and the Future

As in every business, expenses will only increase. As more people become aware of the need to reuse and recognize that Resource Depot is the most responsible place to start, we'll need more staff to sort materials and conduct workshops, events and training programs. The costs to present our programs will be greater and more Palm Beach County families will be involved.

We need generous people like you to endow a program into the future, create a scholarship, support a project for a year or make a one-time gift toward whatever program means the most to you. For example:

### Junk Camp Sponsor

1 Annual Scholarship	3-Week Program Support	Cost of 1 Camper to Attend
\$195/year for one week	\$585 for summer/student	\$195 one-time gift
Endowment: Let's talk!		

### School Sponsor

1 Annual Membership	1-year Program Support	Cost of 1 School Membership
\$125/year for one year	\$125	\$125 one-time gift
Endowment: Let's talk!		

### Teacher Sponsor

1 Annual Membership	1-year Program Support	Cost of 1 School Membership
\$30 per teacher for one year	\$30	\$30 one-time gift
Endowment: Let's talk!		

### Field Trip Sponsor

1 Annual Scholarship	1-year Program Support	Cost of 1 Trip
\$150 per school per trip	\$22,500 for 150 schools, our capacity	\$150 per school
Endowment: Let's talk!		



### Fundraising and Revenue

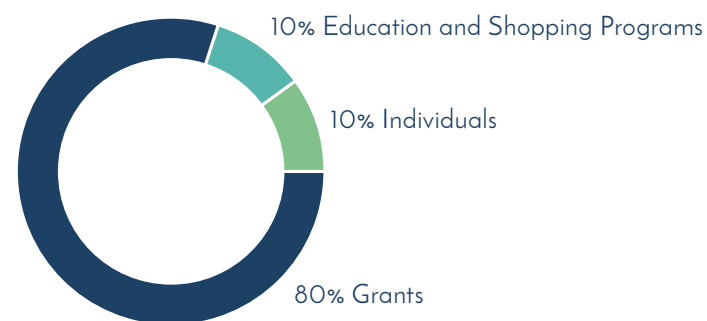
We walk the walk with our funds, too, “recycling” them back into the community through programs that fulfill our mission. Community offerings (family events, workshops, etc.) account for more than 90% of our expenses; less than 15% of our costs are for the facility and operational costs, and a mere 3% goes toward fundraising.

**Resource Depot is the largest reuse center in Florida, nearly three times the size of similar centers. Those centers tend to serve only teachers, while Resource Depot serves the entire Palm Beach County community and all its residents.**

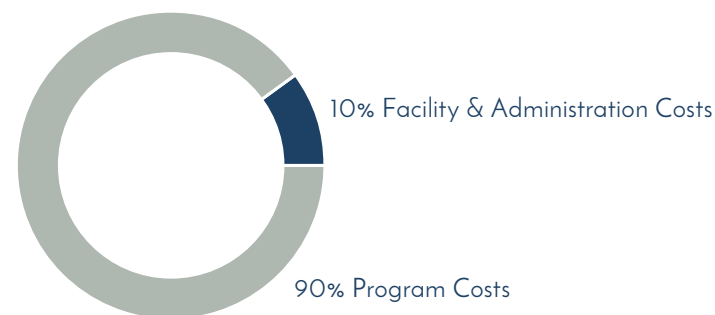
Right now, a full 75% of the funds to run Resource Depot come from grants ... from foundations, businesses, and state and local government. We rely heavily on these grants. Grants aren't guaranteed year to year, so we must compete with the tens of thousands of other nonprofits seeking grant support.

About 20% of our revenue comes from donations ... gifts from generous people like you. While no gift is too small – and we truly mean that – we have room to grow in the number of individuals and organizations supporting us.

### 2017 REVENUE



### 2017 EXPENSES



# WILL YOU BECOME PART OF THE RESOURCE DEPOT FAMILY?

One person really can make a difference. By supporting Resource Depot, you'll be contributing to creative minds, a cleaner Palm Beach County and a more caring, use-conscious generation.

Please contact Jennifer O'Brien, Executive Director  
561-882-0090  
jobrien@resourcedepot.net



## 5 REASONS TO GIVE TO RESOURCE DEPOT



**You love Palm Beach County and want your children and grandchildren to love it, too.**

This is your chance to beautify your community and help youngsters learn the value of reusing materials in their daily lives.



**You want to inspire greatness in others.**

We risk overusing the word "inspire," but that's what we aim to do: inspire a conscious concern for the planet and a deep love of artistic expression.

We think you do, too.



**You'll be in good (great) company.**

When you make a gift to Resource Depot, you'll be standing among Palm Beach County's leading companies, Florida's most highly respected foundations and our community's most caring individuals.



**Dolphins and sea turtles will love you.**

By reducing the trash blowing around our beaches, you can dramatically improve marine life in the waters off the Florida coast.



**You want to make a difference.**

Every time you give a gift, you've helped more people care about this community. You've reduced the level of trash in our parks and waterways. And you've given us one more example to point to and say, "They did what they could. What about you?"



# OUR PARTNERS

## RESOURCE DEPOT IS GRATEFUL TO ALL ITS 2017 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

All At Once/Johnson Ohana Foundation

April is for Authors

AR Design

CareerSource Palm Beach County

Children's Services Council

City of Palm Beach Gardens

Creative Mornings

Cultural Council of Palm Beach County

Downtown Development Authority/West  
Palm Beach

EG2 Educational Gallery Group

Extraordinary Charities of Palm Beach County

Florida Atlantic University

Kravis Center

Leadership Palm Beach County

Macaroni Kid Palm Beach Gardens-Jupiter

Mounts Botanical Garden

Nonprofits First, Inc.

North Palm Beach Chamber of Commerce

Norton Museum of Art

Office of Sustainability West Palm Beach

Palm Beach Zoo

Pine Jog Environmental Center

Prime Time of Palm Beach County

School District of Palm Beach County

Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County

South Florida Science Center & Aquarium

The Breakers Palm Beach

United Way of Palm Beach County

University of Miami





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