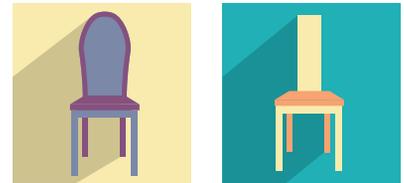




CHAIRS 4 CHANGE



Charity Auction benefiting both Recycling Furniture for Families and YWCA Labyrinth Outreach Services to Women

Recycling Furniture for Families and YWCA Labyrinth Outreach Services for Women are co-hosting a charity event to benefit both organizations. The event will be held on Friday, November 4th, at 6 PM, at the InsideOut Gallery at 200 W. Monroe Street (Downtown Bloomington). Food and beverages will be served; tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets can be purchased in advance at Recycling Furniture for Families, InsideOut Gallery, and The Garlic Press.

We will be auctioning off orphaned chairs (unclaimed chairs from Recycling Furniture for Families inventory) that have been transformed into beautiful works of art by local artists. Artists will be at the event to discuss their pieces of art, and professional auctioneer Drew Barrett will be facilitating the auction. To the right are a few of the chairs that have already been completed and which will be available for bid at the auction. Feli Sebastian, cofounder of Labyrinth Women Services and Board Member of Recycling Furniture for Families, feels that “this is a great way for two smaller local non-profit organizations to collaborate their fundraising efforts for the good of both organizations and the community”. We look forward to seeing you all at the event. Tickets for the event can be purchased at Recycling Furniture for Families at 515 North Center Street, Bloomington, IL 61701, or Inside Out Accessible Art Gallery and Cooperative.

YWCA Labyrinth Outreach Services addresses the needs of women released from the Illinois Department of Corrections and McLean County jail who are returning to the community. They help rebuild each woman’s dignity and nurture her growth as she develops the attitudes and skills required for productive, independent living.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH
6:00 PM–9:00 PM
 Inside Out Artists’ Gallery
 200 W. Monroe St., Bloomington



Handmade Garden Ornaments help support RF4F

Need something to spruce up your yard or deck? Our amazing volunteers have handcrafted these beautiful pieces of art (see below) to help support the operations of Recycling Furniture for Families. If you would like to own one of these ornaments (suggested donation \$10 with stakes, \$5 without stakes), please come to our facility at 515 North Center Street, Bloomington IL 61701 (Downtown Bloomington). We are open Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 5 pm and on Saturday from 9 am to noon.

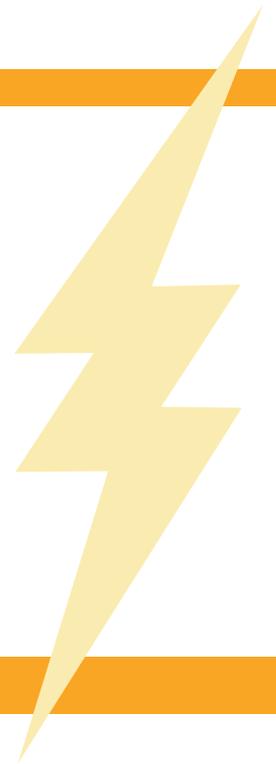


Unexpected Repairs

We recently encountered an unanticipated expense stemming from a lightning strike to our building that resulted in the need to replace our phone system. In addition, due to the very hot and humid summer, our aging AC unit required major repairs in trying to keep up with these extreme weather conditions. These events have brought several thousand dollars in unbudgeted expenses.

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help cover the costs of these recent repairs, please mail or drop a check payable to:

“Recycling Furniture for Families”
515 North Center Street
Bloomington, IL 61701.



Every little bit helps. As always, thanks for your continued support.



Garden Adoption in Downtown Bloomington

by Recycling Furniture for Families

Recycling Furniture for Families (“RF4F”) has adopted a small plot of land located at 518 North Main Street (Behind our parking lot and just north of Common Ground Grocery). Working with the Downtown Bloomington Association we have transformed this area into a beautiful garden. We would like to thank Board Member, Judy Crist for leading this project. We are very proud to be part of downtown Bloomington!



Mark Kelly Volunteer of the Year Award



Each year Recycling Furniture for Families (“RF4F”) chooses one of its many volunteers as the recipient of the Mark Kelly Volunteer of the Year Award. This award is a memorial to Mark and is reflective of the countless hours he gave to RF4F in volunteering his time and talents. His family and those of us here at RF4F lost Mark in 2009. We established this annual award in honor of Mark in order to recognize the gift of another volunteer’s time and talent to RF4F. It is always a difficult task to single someone out for this honor, and 2015 was no exception. This year, the Mark Kelly Volunteer of the Year Award goes to Dick Brinson. Dick and his wife Thelma are long-term volunteers of RF4F. Dick has volunteered many hours in our refurbishing shop and at his home, bringing back to life pieces of furniture that then became part of the homes of our clients. Dick has taken his wood working skills to a new level by building over 40 new coffee tables for our clients over the last year. He did this as he also endured through serious medical issues. We are truly blessed to have Dick and his wife Thelma as part of the RF4F family!

Gene Megli Memorial Truck Dedication

On April 15, 2016, a luncheon was held at RF4F to dedicate our new truck to the memory of Gene Megli. The Megli family (pictured on right with the new truck) was in attendance for this celebration. Thank you to all of Gene’s family and friends who attended. It is through their generosity that we were able to purchase the truck. We would also like to thank Brent Salm, Senior Minister at College Park Christian Church, for his wonderful blessing of this truck. The Gene Megli Memorial Truck will service thousands of those less fortunate in Mclean County and keep the memory of Gene Megli alive in our community for many years to come.





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Demand for RF4F Services Remains High

As the demand for our services continues to increase, we ask that you please help in whatever way you can. We are very low on basic needs for our clients. Our current items of need include:

- Dressers
- Beds Frames (All Sizes)
- Blenders
- Microwaves
- Can Openers
- Toasters
- Drinking Glasses
- Pots and Pans

Please call (309) 829-6500 to schedule a free pick-up, or drop off your donations at our facility in downtown Bloomington: 515 North Center Street, Bloomington, IL 61701. Our hours of operation for drop off are:

9 am-5 pm, Monday through Thursday
9 am-noon, Saturday,
Closed Friday and Sunday

BY THE NUMBERS

12 Year Averages
(From fiscal years 2004-2016)

654

households helped

26%

homeless

2.58

family size

16%

disabled

9,251*

furniture given

6%

abused

\$9,787

annual income

3.5%

veterans

67%

female head of household

34

average age of head of household

**We also give away thousands of small household items not inventoried, which doubles or triples the number of items given away.*