



**donate**NYC  
give goods. find goods. do good.

A collage of four images arranged in a diamond pattern. Top-left: A close-up of a stained glass window with green, yellow, and pinkish tones. Top-right: A stack of green plastic crates with "V. M. R." printed on them. Bottom-left: A close-up of a black tire tread. Bottom-right: Rows of green stadium seats with white numbers (4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10) on the backrests.

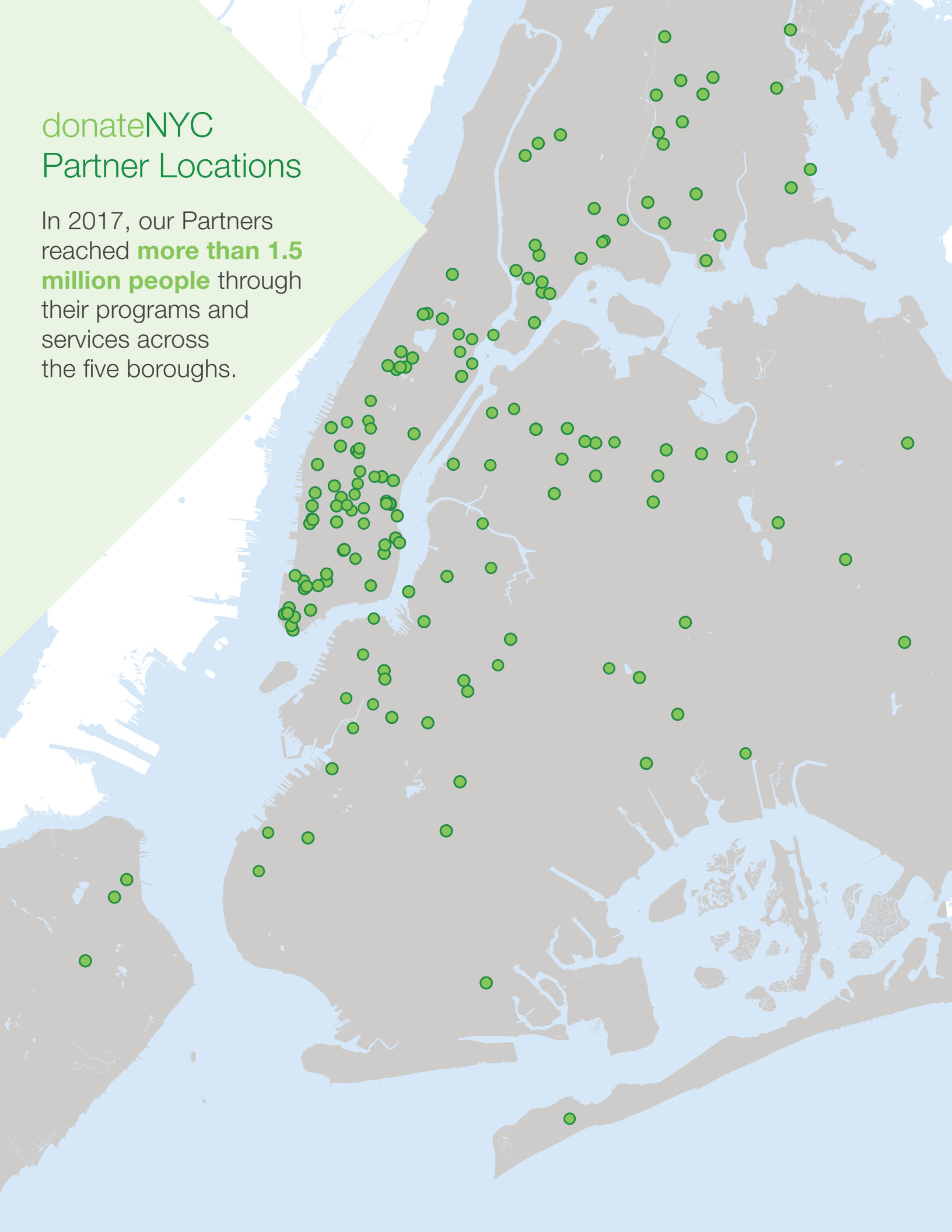
# annual partnership report 2018

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## donateNYC Partner Locations

In 2017, our Partners reached **more than 1.5 million people** through their programs and services across the five boroughs.



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## Letter from the NYC Department of Sanitation Commissioner

Dear Friends,

Since 2016, donateNYC has provided a comprehensive suite of support for New Yorkers who want to **give goods, find goods, and do good**. By making it easy for New Yorkers to donate and reuse goods, the program plays an essential role in the City's goal to send zero waste to landfills by 2030.

In addition to the program's technological tools and public events, donateNYC also raises the profile of materials reuse through its Partnership program, which supports nonprofits that not only take in donated goods but also play essential roles in their surrounding communities.

It has been a pleasure watching the Partnership flourish. In 2017, membership grew by 25% and expanded into new areas. In addition to reuse venues such as thrift shops, the Partnership welcomed members like supportive housing providers, food rescue organizations, and animal shelters.

The diversity of Partners highlights the vibrancy of reuse in New York City as well as the sector's positive impact. In the past year, Partners helped divert over 98 million pounds of items that might otherwise have ended up in landfill and reached over 1.5 million New Yorkers through their social service and community programs.

The donateNYC Annual Partnership Report documents and celebrates the accomplishments of the program's almost 70 members. The NYC Department of Sanitation is proud to continue its support of the City's vital donations and reuse community.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Garcia  
Commissioner | NYC Department of Sanitation

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## donateNYC Partnership Highlights

- ◆ **Networking & Training**—Throughout the year, Partners network, learn, and collaborate at quarterly meetings, workshops, and the donateNYC Annual Conference. These capacity-building opportunities are available to employees at various levels, which both enhances the knowledge base in the city's donations and reuse sector and helps make vital professional connections for participants.
- ◆ **Innovative Donation & Reuse Pilot Projects**—Every year, Partners have an opportunity to apply for capsule grants that enable them to develop pioneering new models for reusing materials. The 2017 awardees, Big Reuse and Rebuilding Together NYC, will present project results at the 2018 Annual Conference.
- ◆ **Marketing & Promotion**—donateNYC Partners are promoted throughout the year via the donateNYC website, mobile app, social media channels, printed materials, at donateNYC public events such as donateNYC Thrift Store Day and Earth Day Fest, as well as at various other public events throughout NYC.



# donateNYC Partners by the Numbers



New York City is home to hundreds of nonprofit organizations that accept and distribute second-hand and surplus goods. Computers, bicycles, building materials, office furniture, clothing, and surplus food are a few of the types of donated items that these organizations collect and then either redistribute to people in need, or sell at retail outlets to help support their missions.

This economic model practiced by many nonprofits has several benefits: it reduces the amount of goods and materials that end up on the curb destined for landfills or incinerators; it provides usable goods to the public for free or low-cost; it conserves the energy and resources required to produce new items; and it creates green jobs.

The contribution of these reuse organizations in creating a more sustainable urban environment is especially important in the context of the City's goal to send zero waste to landfills by 2030. Often, though, nonprofits lack the means and time to track and analyze vital data about their contribution to waste diversion. This type of data can be used internally to better understand operations, as well as externally to promote an organization's economic, environmental, and social impact. To address the need for this data, the NYC Center for Materials Reuse, in collaboration with The City College of New York and with funding from the NYC Department of Sanitation, has developed a proprietary Reuse Impact Calculator, which uses qualitative and quantitative information provided by donateNYC Partners to analytically describe the impact of the nonprofit reuse sector in New York City.

These two pages illustrate the impact of our donateNYC Partners in 2017.

**Environmental Impacts:** Through accepting donations of goods, materials, and food in 2017, our Partners reduced greenhouse gas emissions by **175,500 metric tons** of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents, and saved **1,500 billion BTUs** of energy.

This emissions reduction is equivalent to the annual...



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**37,000 cars**



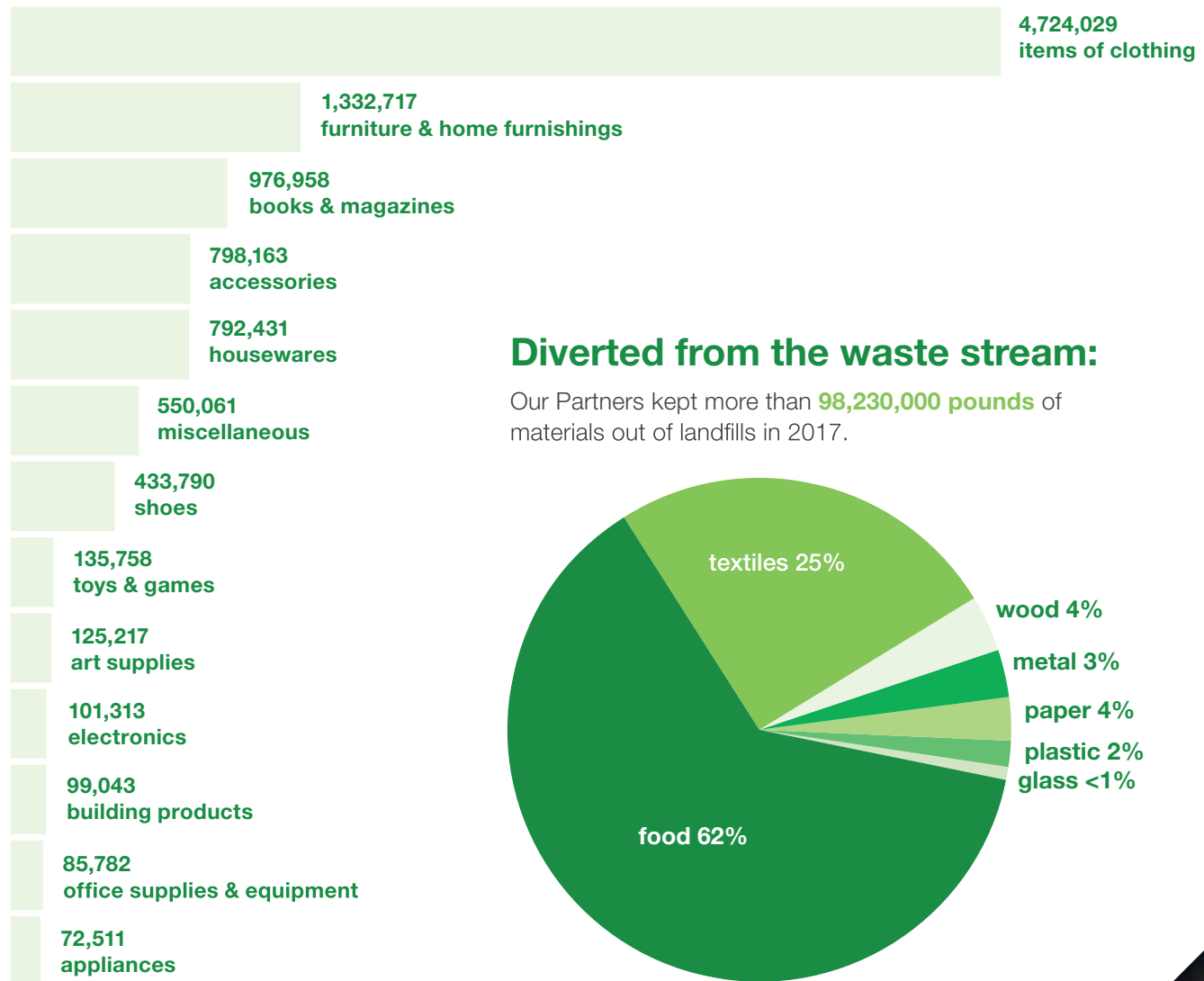
carbon captured by  
**143,900 forest acres**



CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from burning  
**192,013,129 lbs of coal**

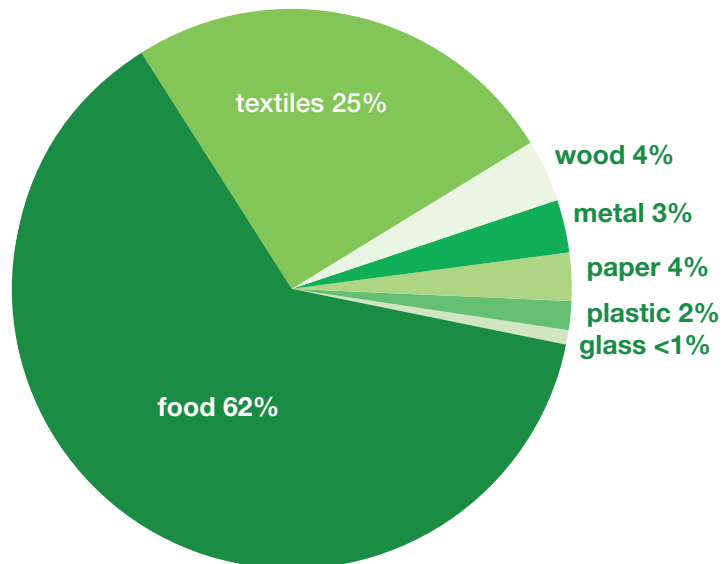
## Reusable items:

Our Partners kept these items out of landfills in 2017.



## Diverted from the waste stream:

Our Partners kept more than **98,230,000 pounds** of materials out of landfills in 2017.



## Social Services:

Our Partners provided a range of services to New Yorkers in 2017—including professional development, educational workshops, family services, housing & shelter, health care & supportive programs, and food programs.

In 2017 donateNYC Partner organizations:

- ◆ Reached **more than 1.5 million people** through their programs and services.
- ◆ Engaged the services of more than 34,000 volunteers who logged **almost 237,000 volunteer hours**—the equivalent of **over 27 years of volunteer time!**
- ◆ Provided **more than 2,000 jobs.**







**Angel Street Thrift Shop** funds the Lower Eastside Service Center (LESC) and their mission to support New Yorkers experiencing critical life problems as a result of substance abuse and mental illness. Using a wide-ranging network of health and human services, LESC helps people empower their lives.

**LESC has been serving the Greater New York area for over 59 years.**



**Animal Care Centers of NYC (ACC)** rescues, cares for, and finds placement for abandoned animals of all species and circumstances. Through adoptions, partnerships with other shelters and rescues, pet surrender prevention resources, and more, ACC strives to end animal homelessness in NYC.

**In 2017, ACC achieved a 93.2% placement rate for cats and dogs.**



**Art Start** is an award-winning, nationally-recognized model for using the creative arts to transform young lives. They nurture the voices, hearts and minds of New York City's underserved youth through workshops inside family shelters, detention centers, and youth agencies.

**In 2017, Art Start provided 617 creative workshops to over 500 youths across 13 New York City locations.**





**Big Reuse**, New York City's first nonprofit retail outlet for salvaged and surplus building materials, is located in Gowanus, Brooklyn. By accepting and reselling lumber, appliances, lighting, furniture, and more, they fulfill their mission of diverting building materials from landfills.

**In 2017, Big Reuse diverted more than 1.4 million pounds of building and construction materials from landfills.**



**The Billion Oyster Project Shell Collection Program**, an initiative of the New York Harbor Foundation collects oyster shells from dozens of restaurants and events weekly throughout the City. After being properly separated, collected, and cured, these shells are reseeded in the NY Harbor School Hatchery to grow new live oysters.

**In 2017, the BOP collection program recovered over 345,600 pounds of oyster shells from restaurants and events.**



**Bottomless Closet** promotes economic self-sufficiency for disadvantaged women in NYC who are transitioning out of unemployment and public assistance. By providing them with interviewing skills, business clothing, career development training, and more, they help eliminate many of the barriers that these women face in searching for and retaining employment.

**In 2017, Bottomless Closet provided services to more than 2,100 women.**





**The Bowery Mission** has served homeless and hungry New Yorkers since 1879, meeting the short-term, emergency needs of New Yorkers caught in the cycles of poverty, hopelessness, and dependency. Their compassion is seen in their service of meals, safe shelter, clothing and showers, medical care, crisis intervention, and outreach to the poor.

**In 2017, the Bowery Mission distributed more than 46,000 articles of clothing to homeless New Yorkers.**



**The Bridal Garden** ensures that high-quality bridal gowns are worn and enjoyed instead of being tossed away. By selling donated gowns for up to 75 percent off their retail value, they help brides save money and plan less wasteful weddings. The funds raised through the boutique support the Brooklyn Charter School.

**The Bridal Garden sold over 1,350 donated wedding dresses in 2017.**



**CANCERcare®**

**CancerCare** provides free counseling, resources, and financial assistance to anyone affected by cancer. All services are provided by professional oncology social workers and cancer experts. The CancerCare Thrift Shop on Manhattan's Upper East Side offers a wide selection of designer clothing, jewelry, and home goods, with all proceeds supporting the mission of CancerCare.

**24,516 people received financial support from CancerCare in 2017, due in part to proceeds from the CancerCare Thrift Shop.**

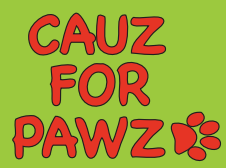




# CAREER::GEAR

**Career Gear** builds strong families and communities by empowering low-income men and helping them to achieve self-sufficiency. Through a diverse network of partner organizations Career Gear provides clients with services to help build their confidence—including professional attire, professional development workshops, and an innovative mentoring program.

**Since 1999, Career Gear has helped over 35,000 men with professional attire and workforce development training.**



**Cauz For Pawz** is a nonprofit thrift store in Gramercy Park, Manhattan, raising funds for animal welfare organizations, rescue groups, and no-kill shelters. Cauz for Pawz hosts a community pet food pantry and facilitates dozens of pet adoptions each year—most of them involving hard-to-place senior animals.

**The Cauz for Pawz Thrift Store collected more than 20,000 pounds of donated goods in 2017.**



## Church of Good Deeds

**The Church of Good Deeds (CoGD)** is a deity- and dogma-free organization working to spread faith in the global movement of Altruism: people helping people, everyone, everywhere, every day. All donations go directly towards their goal of connecting volunteers with resources to help the needy in their own community, while encouraging Altruism in all forms.

**Since its founding in 2017, The CoGD has distributed thousands of items of clothing and fed hundreds of New Yorkers.**





**City Harvest** works to end hunger in communities throughout New York City. Through relationships with farms, grocers, restaurants, and manufacturers, City Harvest collects nutritious food that would otherwise go to waste—delivering it free of charge to 500 soup kitchens, food pantries and community food programs across the five boroughs.

**In 2017, City Harvest diverted millions of pounds of food and distributed to more than 9,800 New Yorkers in need.**



**Educational Alliance** has continuously evolved to meet the changing needs of the Lower East Side community since 1889. Founded in partnership with Teaching Beyond the Square, The Educational Alliance Art School is home to the Materials Center—a large collection of "found" materials from everyday lives that can be re-purposed through creativity, problem-solving, and action.

**Each year, Educational Alliance serves more than 50,000 New Yorkers across 17 host sites in the Lower East Side.**



**FABSCRAP** provides convenient pickup of fabric scraps from commercial businesses in the fashion, interior design, and entertainment industries in New York City. By working with an engaged network of students, artists, designers, and industrial processors, FABSCRAP uses new technologies to reuse and recycle fabric—maximizing its diversion from landfills.

**In 2017, FABSCRAP collected more than 68,000 pounds of pre-consumer fabric waste.**





**Garden of Hope (GOH)** is a linguistically specific and culturally competent organization for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in the vast Chinese immigrant community across the City. GOH provides outreach, public awareness, prevention, and recovery services in a community where the topics of gender abuse have been considered taboo and ignored.

**GOH established the first Chinese-speaking domestic violence shelter, the Hope House, which is available to 18 adults and children every night.**



**GOOD+ Foundation** partners with a national network of leading programs to break the cycle of family poverty through the power of donated child products and life-changing family services. GOOD+ Foundation donates products and services to programs that have demonstrated a capacity to address family poverty, in three focus areas: supporting new mothers, investing in early childhood, and engaging fathers.

**More than 3.5 million items were collected and donated through GOOD+ Foundation's national network of programs in 2017.**



**Goodwill Industries of Greater New York and Northern New Jersey** empowers individuals to gain independence through the power of work. Goodwill NY/NJ operates 42 thrift stores in the region, with 14 in New York City. Goodwill stores offer training and work to persons with disabilities and other barriers to employment and generate revenue to support Goodwill programs.

**In 2017, Goodwill NY/NJ helped rescue, reuse, and recycle over 14 million pounds of items in NYC that might have otherwise been discarded.**





**The Grand Central Neighborhood Social Services Corporation (GCNSS)** is committed to providing immediate relief to Midtown Manhattan's homeless population. Through their Mainchance Drop-In Center, they offer basic necessities (food, clothing, showers, and chairs for respite) and a range of social services including employment counseling, treatment referrals, and housing assistance.

**In 2017, GCNSS served over 125,000 meals and provided emergency shelter for over 2,700 people.**



**Green Tree Textiles** supports people who are in disadvantage and transition through their reuse and recycling services. By repurposing clothing, shoes, accessories, and household linens for reuse by environmentally-minded manufacturers and designers, they are helping to preserve the environment.

**Green Tree Textiles has textile drop-off locations in more than nine farmers markets throughout the tri-state area.**



**GrowNYC's Stop 'N' Swap®** community reuse events provide an opportunity for New Yorkers to bring portable, reusable items to give, and to take items that they can put to good use. No one is required to give anything in order to get something. Leftover items are recycled or donated locally to the extent possible.

**In 2017, GrowNYC's Stop 'N' Swap® hosted 52 community swap events and reused over 111,000 pounds of goods.**





**Habitat for Humanity New York City** transforms lives and communities by building and preserving quality, affordable homes for families in need, and by uniting New Yorkers around the cause of affordable housing. The Habitat NYC ReStore in Woodside, Queens, accepts donations of gently used furniture, building materials, appliances, cabinetry, sinks, countertops, and household décor. The ReStore sells these items to the public at a reduced cost, typically 50-80% off the original retail value.

**The ReStore supports the mission of Habitat NYC, which has served more than 600 hard-working families since 1984.**



**Harlem United** has helped change the lives of marginalized communities by improving their health and well-being through compassionate, client-centered care. From their roots, planted in the basement of a church in Harlem at the height of the AIDS crisis, they have grown into a full-fledged, community-based healthcare and housing provider. Their founding ethic has remained constant: Harlem United is a family, and no matter what, they are here to help.

**In 2017, Harlem United served over 165 HIV+ low-income adults daily.**



**Hope for Us** works to enhance the quality of life for youth living in low-income communities, with a focus on those with sickle-cell anemia. They improve children's living conditions by providing them with recreational activities such as art and music classes, and by sponsoring them to attend summer camp. To support these endeavors, Hope for Us accepts donations of clothing, school supplies, backpacks, and more.

**Since 2013, Hope For Us has helped serve over 2,000 individuals living in low-income communities.**





**The HopeLine** or “La Linea de la Esperanza” provides much-needed social services to the residents of the South Bronx. They take a holistic approach to serving the community through family assistance programs such as a food pantry, diaper distribution center, and SNAP benefit support. Other HopeLine programs include English as a Second Language classes, computer technology training, and citizenship preparation.

**The HopeLine’s Diaper Center provides close to 12,000 diapers a month to families in need.**



**Hour Children** helps incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women successfully rejoin their community and families, while building healthy, independent, and secure lives. Hour Children’s three thrift shops sell designer clothing, vintage and antique furniture, housewares, art, jewelry, and more. The shops generate revenue for Hour Children’s programs, and provide employment and training.

**In 2017, Hour Children’s Thrift Shops helped support efforts to provide over 8,000 people with access to the Hour Community Food Pantry.**



**Housing Works’** mission is to end the dual crises of homelessness and HIV/AIDS through advocacy, lifesaving services, and entrepreneurial businesses. Housing Works Thrift Shops and Bookstore generate funds that directly provide clients with housing, healthcare, job training, legal services, and more.

**Housing Works accepted over 7.5 million pounds of donated goods in 2017 to help provide 5,500 New Yorkers with health care, dental care, and substance abuse counseling.**





### Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC)

provides resources to support Bronx residents from cradle to career by fostering academic milestones, and providing programming in literacy, mental health support, nutrition, technology, and the arts. All KHCC programs use a strengths-based approach that enables youth and adults to lead independent, self-sufficient lives.

**KHCC serves over 400 meals daily and distributes over 5,250 pounds of food (the equivalent of 4,442 meals) to the community every year.**



### LITTLE ESSENTIALS

Helping our littlest in BIG ways!

**Little Essentials** strives to improve the health, safety, and well-being of children ages 0-4 living in poverty by providing urgently needed resources and parenting education to families in crisis. Through their network of community partner organizations, they provide safe sleep solutions, strollers, car seats, clothing, diapers, and other baby essentials to families in need.

**In 2017, Little Essentials distributed over 26,000 items to families through their network of community partners across NYC.**



### Lower East Side Ecology Center

**Lower East Side Ecology Center (LESEC)** offers free community-based programs for recycling and reuse, stewardship of public green space, and environmental education aimed at increasing community awareness. These programs divert electronic and organic waste from landfills and offer opportunities for New Yorkers to learn about environmental issues facing the City, while simultaneously working to solve those problems and create a more sustainable community.

**LESEC diverted more than one million pounds of electronics from landfills in 2017.**





**Materials for the Arts (MFTA)** collects surplus materials from businesses and individuals, and redistributes them for free to New York City public schools, agencies, and nonprofits with arts programming. MFTA helps divert more than a million pounds of materials from the waste stream each year and offers events, workshops, and classes in creative reuse. The MFTA warehouse is operated by the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, with support from the City's Departments of Sanitation and Education.

**In 2017, MFTA ensured that more than 1.5 million pounds of materials were put to good use instead of being thrown away.**



**MCCNY Charities, Inc.** encompasses the social service ministries of the Metropolitan Community Church of New York. MCCNY Charities operates a shelter for LGBTQIA homeless youth and the Sylvia Rivera Food Pantry, which provides free groceries to low-income and HIV+ New Yorkers. Through programs for the homeless and the hungry, MCCNY Charities furthers MCCNY's mission by building a sense of community and bringing the world to a just and right relationship.

**In 2017, the Sylvia Rivera Food Pantry served over 7,000 bags of food (equal to over 35,000 meals).**



**The Neighborhood Association for Inter-Cultural Affairs, Inc. (NAICA)** has been providing housing intervention and assistance services to residents of the Bronx since 1974. NAICA works to empower the residents of The Bronx by providing culturally sensitive services to children, youth, seniors, and families.

**NAICA provides shelter to over 600 Bronx individuals annually.**





**Nazareth Housing** has developed highly successful supportive housing and emergency family shelter programs for over 34 years. Their housing options are augmented by an extensive homelessness prevention program along with growing financial empowerment and food pantry services. Born from the need in the Lower East Side, Nazareth Housing now serves residents from all five boroughs, and recently expanded housing services in the Bronx.

**In 2017, Nazareth Housing's food pantry (Louise's Pantry) fed over 30,000 individuals.**



National Council of Jewish Women  
New York Section

**The National Council of Jewish Women—New York Section (NCJW NY)** is a grassroots organization of volunteers and advocates who turn progressive ideals into action. NCJW NY strives for social justice by improving the quality of life for women, children, and their families, and by safeguarding individual rights and freedoms.

**In 2017, NCJW NY's Hunger Program helped serve over 35,000 individuals and 230,000 meals.**



**The Nest Music Conservatory** motivates youth to explore their talents and create new ones, while expanding their minds beyond social expectations. Cultivating the performing arts within the community and providing a sanctuary for their preservation, The Conservatory provides music education to an area where public school funding for the arts is lacking. The Conservatory's mission is fulfilled in part through accepting and distributing musical instruments and supplies.

**In 2017, Nest Music Conservatory provided musical education to over 200 children.**





**New York Cares** provides volunteer support to more than 1,300 nonprofit agencies, public schools, and other organizations throughout New York City, by recruiting and deploying volunteers to address the organizations' needs. New York Cares runs the City's largest coat drive each year, collecting gently used winter coats from New Yorkers and distributing them at homeless shelters, community organizations, and agencies serving seniors.

**New York Cares collected and distributed more than 104,000 coats in 2017.**



**Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow (OBT)** strives to help disadvantaged youth and adults recognize their own self-worth, and advance towards self-sufficiency and financial security through job training, academic reinforcement, improved life skills, job placement, and support services. OBT approaches all of its programmatic endeavors with three principles in mind: confidence, discipline, and professionalism.

**OBT serves over 900 youth and adults in their professional programs each year.**



**Part of the Solution (POTS)** helps low-income families and individuals through emergency food, social services, and legal representation in the Bronx. POTS' "one-stop shop" method of service delivery offers a variety of services to move individuals and families from the crisis of poverty to stability and ultimately, self-sufficiency. POTS is dedicated to providing a professional and hospitable environment where every interaction is based on compassion and respect.

**POTS collected donations of over 15,000 pounds of goods in 2017.**





**PAWS NY** works to help New York City's most vulnerable residents remain with their pets by delivering critical programs and services through a community of partners and volunteers. PAWS NY's programs help keep pets in their homes while protecting and promoting the human-animal bond that is physically and psychologically valuable to their clients. PAWS NY helps people by helping pets.

**In 2017, PAWS NY logged more than 11,000 hours of care to help serve 234 people and their 340 pets.**



**PowerMyLearning** is committed to ensuring that all children are able to "power their learning" by integrating technology. PowerMyLearning works with the people who matter most to children's success—parents and teachers—to help students in low-income communities harness the power of digital learning. Since 1999, PowerMyLearning has partnered with more than 100 schools to serve over 100,000 students, families, and teachers in New York City.

**PowerMyLearning took in more than 113,000 pounds of donations in 2017, and served 4,964 students, teachers, and parents.**



**Project Cicero** is an annual nonprofit book drive designed to create and supplement classroom libraries in under-resourced New York City public schools. Project Cicero receives book donations from publishers and 100 independent, public, and parochial schools each year. More than 1,200 New York City teachers select books at the book distribution each year. Hundreds of student, parent, and teacher volunteers assist in all aspects of collecting and distributing the books.

**Project Cicero collected more than 150,000 books in 2017 for under-resourced public schools.**





**Purses for Nurses**  
Your handbags. Our hearts. Healthcare for all.

**Purses for Nurses** strives to make a lasting improvement to global healthcare by funding volunteer trips that send nurses to the places where they are needed most. Purses for Nurses was founded with the goal of turning “throw-away” items into something powerful, and with the belief that big change starts small. By re-selling donated purses, Purses for Nurses is able to fully fund trips of volunteer nurses to impoverished countries around the world.

**Purses for Nurses sold 540 purses in 2017, helping send nurses to places where they are most needed.**



**Rebuilding Together NYC** provides home repairs, accessibility modifications, and workforce training to low-income individuals and nonprofit facilities. The Rebuilding Together NYC Salvage Store opened in 2015 with building materials and home appliances pulled by Workforce Training Program participants from homes on Staten Island that were slated for demolition. Today, the Salvage Store continues to stock materials salvaged from homes and obtained through public and private donations.

**Rebuilding Together NYC recovered 6,418 pounds of materials in 2017 that were headed for the waste stream.**



**Recycle-A-Bicycle**, a program of Bike New York, fosters youth development and environmental education by refurbishing and selling donated bicycles. Recycle-A-Bicycle hosts a variety of engaging community activities and is dedicated to the health, development, stewardship, and empowerment of New York City youth. On average, Recycle-A-Bicycle salvages 1,800 bicycles each year from the waste stream.

**Recycle-A-Bicycle collected 24,300 pounds of bicycles and accessories for reuse in 2017.**





## REFOUNDRY

EVERY STORY HAS VALUE

**Refoundry** helps people who have been through the correctional system learn to repurpose discarded materials into home furnishings — enabling them to launch their own businesses. Refoundry has established a cost-efficient and scalable model that can empower those most affected by the broken criminal justice system to transform their lives and their communities.

**In 2017, Refoundry volunteers logged more than 3,000 hours.**



**Rescuing Leftover Cuisine (RLC)** rescues leftover food and donates it to homeless shelters. RLC aims to eliminate food waste in communities, make food rescue sustainable and universal, and reduce hunger. RLC partners with licensed food vendors and companies that have catered lunches and events to rescue their leftover food and deliver it to a local human service agency that feeds hungry and food insecure individuals.

**In 2017, Rescuing Leftover Cuisine rescued 501,733 pounds of food and helped serve 656,681 clients.**



**Restfull Nights Organization Inc.** is a Queens-based homeless shelter and social services agency that was founded on the principles of equal opportunity, access to helpful resources, and shelter for all. Restfull Nights is committed to providing low-income and no-income people the opportunity to enhance their quality of life through excellence in service and strong community partnership.

**Restfull Nights provides free breakfast and dinner to clients 365 days a year.**





**RIVER FUND** is a Poverty Frontline Center serving all five boroughs of the City. Its mission is "to feed and empower those they serve to move beyond the lines of poverty." They provide weekly groceries, benefits access and stabilization programs, plus support and education pathways from cradle to college. Children comprise 40% of their constituents—benefiting from special support programs designed to place them on a trajectory for success through education.

**RIVER FUND serves more than 15,000 families per year—distributing 120 tons of groceries each month, and processing 1,000 benefits-related cases each week.**



**Room to Grow's** innovative three-year program provides families with structured coaching, material goods, and community connections to support parents as they activate natural strengths, gain confidence and knowledge—ensuring their babies have the social, emotional, and language skills they need to thrive from the start.

**In 2017, 9 out of 10 Room to Grow children graduates met their developmental milestones on time.**



**Safe Horizon** is the largest nonprofit victim services agency in the United States. Since 1978, Safe Horizon has worked to provide support, prevent violence, and promote justice for victims of crime and abuse, their families, and communities. Safe Horizon provides compassionate and expert support for people who have experienced domestic violence, child abuse, rape, sexual assault, human trafficking, youth homelessness, stalking, violent crimes, and more.

**Safe Horizon helps more than 250,000 individuals each year.**





**Saint Luke's Thrift Shop** is part of the ministry of The Church of Saint Luke in the Fields in the heart of Greenwich Village. Saint Luke's Thrift Shop is one of the Village's "best kept secrets" for thrift-store shoppers; all proceeds go to support programs and services offered by the church. They work directly with the neighborhood's homeless population to provide individuals with needed clothing, job interview attire, and other essentials.

**St. Luke's LGBTQ youth outreach program serves an average of 80 people each Saturday, approximately 30% of whom are homeless.**



**The Salvation Army Greater New York Division** operates thrift stores and numerous social service centers throughout New York City. Their work supports people in shelters, schools, daycare centers, and emergency services around the world, including more than 100 social service programs in New York City alone. This international faith-based charitable organization has a simple mission: help those in need without discrimination.

**The Salvation Army Greater New York collected and distributed more than 12 million pounds of goods that might have otherwise been discarded.**



**Second Chance Rescue NYC** was founded on the firm belief that all animals deserve love and care and that no animal should ever be subjected to abuse, neglect, or homelessness. Second Chance Rescue NYC offers a lifeline to thousands of animals with critical medical, emotional, or behavioral issues.

**Through their CAMP SCR, a private boarding home and safe haven for vulnerable dogs, Second Chance Rescue NYC has fostered over 120 dogs.**





**Second Chance Toys** rescues gently used plastic toys and donates them to organizations that care for children in need. Toys are collected twice yearly, during the holiday season and Earth Month. These collections keep non-biodegradable plastic toys out of landfills, while enhancing children's development—promoting socialization, creativity, emotional security, motor skills, and learning.

**Second Chance Toys received 9,123 toys in 2017, benefiting children and keeping 36,492 pounds of plastic from landfills.**



**The Stapleton UAME Church** was initially organized in 1801, and the Outreach Ministry was established in 1987, primarily dedicated to the homeless population. The economic recession led to greater numbers of people with no jobs or low paying jobs, and more people needing assistance to make ends meet. The Outreach Ministry has been dedicated to meeting the needs of the local community by offering a soup kitchen, a food pantry, a clothing drive and community-building projects.

**The Stapleton UAME soup kitchen and food pantry provide more than 150,000 meals a year.**



**TDF Costume Collection** houses more than 85,000 costumes and accessories donated from Broadway, Off-Broadway, opera, film, regional productions, and individuals—providing costume rentals at affordable prices to nonprofit performing arts companies and other groups nationwide. This allows fledgling companies to produce more professional-looking shows, while keeping costs down and reducing the impact on the environment.

**TDF Costume Collection received 27,294 pounds of donated costumes in 2017, and rented out over 15,000.**





**Teaching Beyond the Square (TBS)** is guided by an exploration-based approach to early childhood education. TBS seeks to improve the quality of early childhood education through collaborations with schools and professional development for educators. The Materials Center, established in partnership with Educational Alliance, is a public resource dedicated to collecting "found" materials, objects that are often discarded but can be repurposed into something new—encouraging creativity, problem-solving, and action.

**In 2017, Teaching Beyond the Square received more than 1,600 pounds of donated items for the Materials Center.**



**That Suits You (TSY)** accepts gently-worn professional attire and provides clothing free of charge to qualified men seeking work, and to high school seniors attending graduation and prom. Men qualify for professional attire by completing training in a job-readiness program with a TSY partner. TSY also provides workshops and other services to help men obtain and maintain employment.

**Since its founding in 2013, That Suits You has served more than 7,000 men.**



**Unidos Si Se Puede** provides Latin American families and low-income individuals in East Harlem with services to improve their social, educational, and economic status. Unidos Si Se Puede works to keep families and communities united by offering educational classes, recreational activities, support groups, referrals, screenings for city benefits, legal services workshops, job-readiness trainings, as well as operating a clothing and food bank.

**Unidos Si Se Puede operates seven days a week with an all-volunteer staff, offering more than a dozen free services to local residents.**





## UNITED CHURCH OF PRAISE INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

### United Church of Praise International Ministries

helps people in emergency situations with resources and guidance. The organization provides food, clothing, toys, diapers, home building supplies and rental assistance to families in need. Their mission is "to serve God through word and witness, to treat all human beings as sisters and brothers, and to foster responsible stewardship of all God's creation."

**In 2017, United Church of Praise distributed over 2,370 items to local families in need.**



**Urban Pathways** provides transitional, extended stay, and permanent housing to chronically homeless and at-risk individuals. Urban Pathways serves as the first point of contact for homeless New Yorkers by engaging them "where they are at." Through their strong network of services, they help the homeless move into housing and minimize the likelihood of ever returning to the streets.

**Urban Pathways helps more than 2,500 homeless New Yorkers each year.**



**Urban Resource Institute (URI)** provides life-saving, empowering social services for New Yorkers who are suffering and recovering from domestic violence. For 38 years, URI has helped individuals and families escape abuse, safely heal, and gain resources needed to live healthy, independent lives. URI is the only organization in New York City that extends its services to include pets through their PALS (People and Animals Living Safely) program.

**URI's PALS program has helped over 100 families with pets, including cats, dogs, and other smaller animals.**





**Vintage Thrift** proceeds help benefit the United Jewish Council of the East Side (UJC). UJC preserves and stabilizes the Lower East Side through a wide range of human services and community development programs for the elderly, families, and children.

**In 2017, Vintage Thrift received donations of more than 39,000 pounds of goods and sold over 30,800 items to help benefit the UJC's efforts.**



**Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls** is a music and mentoring program that empowers girls and women through music education, volunteerism, and activities—fostering self-respect, leadership skills, creativity, and collaboration. The organization brings together girls and women from diverse communities and encourages them to explore self-expression through music, hone their critical-thinking skills, build meaningful alliances with others, develop confidence, and effect positive change in their communities.

**Since 2005, Willie Mae Rock Camp for Girls has served over 1,000 girls in 58 NYC zip codes.**



**Womankind** has been serving survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual violence of all ages for over three decades. They provide innovative healing services and award-winning assistance to women and their children. Depending on circumstance, Womankind provides survivors access to a safe place to live, and assistance with housing, employment, English language training, legal immigration, financial empowerment, and more.

**Womankind has staff and volunteers that speak over 18 different Asian languages and dialects.**





## World Vision



**World Vision Greater New York** is a community-based resource center serving all of New York City. They distribute donated items such as clothing, food, personal care items, school supplies, furniture, household goods, and more to hundreds of partner organizations and schools each year.

**In 2017, World Vision Greater New York helped distribute goods to over 759,000 individuals.**



## XAVIER MISSION



Welcome. Serve. Empower.

**Xavier Mission** has served New Yorkers in need since 1983. Begun by parishioners of the Church of St. Francis Xavier in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood, Xavier Mission's outreach programs supply clients with donated clothing, hot meals, free groceries, financial assistance, overnight shelter, life-skills training, and empowerment.

**Xavier Mission provided services to more than 88,000 New Yorkers in 2017.**




## YOGA FOSTER

**Yoga Foster** creates accessible, sustainable yoga programs in schools—empowering school teachers to create healthier, happier classrooms for themselves and their students. They provide online training, curricula, and used, but still useful yoga mats. After use in Yoga Foster programs, heavily-used mats are donated to animal shelters and gardening programs to be reused—again.

**Yoga Foster has helped train more than 1,500 educators and launched yoga programs in 500 schools across the U.S.**





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