



# ReNews

Finger Lakes ReUse

Enhancing Community, Economy, and Environment through ReUse

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## Finger Lakes ReUse Holiday Open House and Community Appreciation Celebration!

December 21st, 3pm-6pm



You are invited to our Finger Lakes ReUse Holiday Open House & Community Appreciation Celebration!

Drop by for holiday cheer at the ReUse Center & eCenter - Triphammer Mall on Tuesday, December 21st, 2010, 3pm to

6pm.

Enjoy homemade treats, chat with staff and volunteers, relax in whatever seating we may have in stock, and take a browse around the ReUse Center and eCenter. During the Open House the Reuse Center will have 25% OFF ALL HOLIDAY ITEMS! And if you don't find that perfect something for that special someone, we now have gift cards available.

## Shop Locally & Take the Local Lover Challenge!



### What is the Local Lover

**Challenge?** It's a game that encourages Ithacans to do their holiday shopping while thinking locally. You get to support the local economy, have fun shopping at your favorite places, and win free stuff! Used materials are a local resource, and Finger Lakes ReUse is proud to be joining over 80 local

businesses in and around Ithaca in this year's 3rd annual Local Lover Challenge.

How do you play? Just pick up a card at any participating business, like the [ReUse Center](#), [Felicia's](#), [GreenStar](#), [Buffalo Street Books](#), [Rasa Spa](#) and [Red Feet Wines](#), get your card stamped at each business you visit (no purchase necessary!), and when your card has 5 stamps, fill in the back and drop it in a box!

You'll be entered to win cash cards in the amount of \$50, \$150, and \$250, as well as gift certificates to local shops. Check out the [Local First Ithaca](#) website for a complete list of participating businesses.

Finger Lakes ReUse has great furniture, household items, building materials, lumber, home electronics, computers, and more waiting to deck your halls and make your homes merry! **If you don't see that perfect gift, don't forget about our gift cards - help support Finger Lakes ReUse while you give real green to your friends and loved ones!**

### **Save Your Old Printer!**

Don't throw out your old printer – donate it to the eCenter! Many local residents are benefiting from using older printers rescued and refurbished by the Finger Lakes ReUse team. If you want to know more about why it makes sense to reuse old printers and how the eCenter is working toward this goal, read an informative article penned (or more likely, keyed) by Steve Pacenka, eCenter volunteer, at [www.fingerlakesreuse.org/printers.shtml](http://www.fingerlakesreuse.org/printers.shtml)

Chamber of Commerce names Finger Lakes ReUse 2010 Not-for-Profit of the Year

Finger Lakes ReUse is honored to be named the 2010 Not-for-Profit of the Year by the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce! To put some of our milestones into numbers:



**25: months we've been open**

**60,000: visitors welcomed**

**14: living wage jobs created**


**2,000+: hours of job training provided for at-risk youth**

**40,000+: feet of lumber (and much more!) saved through deconstruction**

**100,000+: unwanted items re-purposed including furniture, housewares, building materials, computers, and electronics**

We want to **thank you**, and especially our volunteers and community members who have dedicated over 8,500 hours to help to make this possible! Our mission is to help improve community, economy, and environment through reuse. **Because of your support, we are beginning to realize our goals to reduce waste, relieve poverty, and teach job skills.**

Finger Lakes ReUse and its programs have been made possible through generous support from many in the community. **THANK YOU** to the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County, The Park Foundation, Friendship Donations Network, Brian



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