



# ReNews

Finger Lakes ReUse

*Enhancing Community, Economy, and Environment through ReUse*

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## Springing Ahead

Finger Lakes ReUse finished 2011 on a strong note, thanks to the hard work of the staff and volunteers and the support of the local community. We want to thank you for being a fundamental part of our success and ask you to join us in looking forward to a promising year of reuse.



In 2011 we welcomed more than 50,000 visitors to our ReUse Center. With your help, we preserved 100,000 items - **175 tons of goods** - for reuse! Finger Lakes ReUse is a nonprofit organization that is becoming increasingly self-sustaining. More than 60% of our 2011 operational expenses were covered by income from the sale of goods and services.

Reuse saves energy, reduces the need for landfills, creates jobs, and conserves natural resources. We thank you for your support and encourage you to join us as we strive to achieve even more in 2012.

## eCenter People and Programs

We are pleased to welcome Michael Troutman as the new eCenter Program Coordinator. Michael is excited to continue the growth of the eCenter both in terms of computers refurbished and educational and community outreach. Current educational programming is provided through partnerships with the Ithaca Youth Bureau's Computer All Stars and the Greater Ithaca activities Center. We accept all computers and most peripherals at the ReUse Center front counter 7 days a week. For more details on our donation guidelines, visit the [eCenter page](#).

**Want to get involved?** We will be hosting an orientation for volunteers interested in assisting with computer reuse and refurbishment on Wednesday April 18th 6:30-8:00 PM. Please RSVP to [louise@fingerlakesreuse.org](mailto:louise@fingerlakesreuse.org) if you are interested in attending.

## Community ReUse Power!



We thank our dedicated team of volunteers and staff for all their efforts carrying out our mission to enhance the community, economy, and environment through reuse. Community members contributed nearly 8,000 volunteer hours last year. Pictured here are Fall 2011 Ithaca College Community plunge volunteers helping us prepare for a seasonal sales event.

Volunteers have been especially helpful with computer disassembly, sorting, arranging store displays, general organizing and deconstruction.

## Lynn's Lifetime Achievement Award



We would like to offer our congratulations to founding board member Lynn Leopold, who was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award by the New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling. Lynn has been instrumental in shaping recycling and reuse efforts throughout Tompkins County & we wouldn't be where we are today without all of her hard work, dedication and support.

*“Ms. Leopold was an early leader of the recycling movement in the state. She successfully encouraged the City of Ithaca to implement one of the first residential curbside recycling programs in the 1980's. Her greatest strength was in educating residents and businesses about how to recycle while working at the Tompkins County Solid Waste Division (TCSW). As a result of Lynn's efforts, Tompkins County has achieved a waste diversion rate of 60% and has provided a successful countywide curbside recycle program since 1991.”*

***New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Award  
Announcement***

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