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Finger Lakes ReUse

Enhancing community, economy, and environment through ReUse.

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Monday: 9am - 6pm
Tuesday: 9am - 6pm
Wednesday: 9am - 6pm
Thursday: 9am - 8pm
Friday: 9am - 6pm
Saturday: 9am - 6pm

ReSET Update



We kicked off our ReSET job training in January with a session of the Technology program, and worked with 9 enthusiastic participants. The curriculum covered a wide array of technology topics and skill building exercises including:

- Computer troubleshooting
- Hardware assembly and disassembly
- Applications for open-source software
- Networking and security
- The environmental impacts of electronic waste

At the end of the 10-week training, two participants were hired for paid, full-time apprenticeships, which will provide them with advanced skills development opportunities and work experience, and connect them with local employers through guaranteed interviews at the end of the apprenticeship.

Sunday: 12pm - 5pm

Finger Lakes ReUse is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible.



This eNewsletter was made possible with support from the Tompkins County Solid Waste Management Division.



Our next session of ReSET will begin June 2! For more information about the program, supporters of ReSET, and how to apply, [CLICK HERE](#). Also, current and former ReSET apprentices will join our Community Programs Coordinator in speaking about ReSET at the upcoming [Human Services Coalition Forum](#) on Work Readiness and Employment Resources at [Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County](#) on May 14 at 8:45 AM.

Volunteer Of The Month

We would not be able to do everything we do without strong volunteer support from the community. Each month, we honor a special volunteer with the title of Volunteer Of The Month. The VOTM award is announced via a surprise "flash mob" of gratitude, and comes with a certificate, a \$50 gift card to the ReUse Center, and eternal glory. Congratulations and many thanks to our most recent Volunteer Of The Month awardees:

- Tavis Flanagan (December 2013)
- Doug Miller (January 2014)
- [Databound Solutions](#) (February 2014, pictured at right)
- Roger Bell (March 2014)



Grant Announcements!

Finger Lakes ReUse is pleased to announce receipt of the following grants:



\$40,000 from the [Park Foundation](#), which will support our operations throughout 2014



\$15,000 from the [New York State Pollution Prevention Institute](#), which will support the development of ReCLAIM NY! - an online business plan template to assist communities across New York State interested in starting their own Community ReUse Centers, in collaboration with [Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County](#)



\$9,488 from the [Community Foundation of Tompkins County](#), which will support the expansion of our vehicle fleet

over a period of two years



\$2,887.50 from the [Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce](#)'s On-The-Job Training Grant Program, which will support training for a member of the Finger Lakes ReUse staff

FLR Helps Students Move Out

As students prepare to move out of their on- and off-campus housing, Finger Lakes ReUse is supporting [Dump and Run](#) once again! The FLR Field Operations Crew will collect, sort, and items that would otherwise be thrown away, picking up student furniture, clothing, household appliances, goods, and electronics at donation sites in coordination with Cornell and local student housing associations. These donated items will support local community organizations. The FLR Field Operations Crew is excited to get geared up for this busy time. Congratulations students for another successful year!

Welcome New Staffers!

Russ Baker, Building Materials Specialist
Elliot Wells, Deconstruction Crew
Jackie Doherty, Development Associate
Lonnie Hinkle, eCenter Assistant
Jess Orkin, Field Operations Coordinator

Thank you, Ace Hardware

Finger Lakes ReUse would like to thank our neighbors [Ace Hardware of Ithaca](#) for their generous in-kind donation of a Craftsman Wet/Dry Vacuum and filter.



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