

Otsego ReUse Center – One Year!

The Otsego ReUse Center, a project of The Arc Otsego, just celebrated its one-year anniversary in November 2018. In its first year, the Center has prevented over 210,000 pounds of reusable materials from entering the waste stream, and it has sold back over 100,000 pounds to the community. Donations from SUNY Oneonta, Lowe's (store #1967), and local student rental companies has contributed to a large portion of the Center's success. The community support has been terrific as well—from donations to volunteers. Area contractors are finding the ReUse Center a great place to make donations, receiving a donation credit as well as helping the environment by recycling materials that previously wound up as trash. Community members are relying on the Center for finding useful and reasonably priced furniture as well as construction materials to supplement their do-it-yourself projects. Crafters love us.

The Otsego ReUse Center is also registered with the CREATE Program which allows CREATE participants to offer reusable materials that would otherwise end up in the waste stream, to other CREATE participants.

Located at 23 Duane Street, Oneonta, the ReUse Center is a welcome addition to the Otsego County environmentally friendly community. While meeting the Arc's mission to provide training opportunities for persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities, three individuals have found their career paths and have become an essential part of the Center.