OUR WORK



CREATIVE REUSE CENTER

Creative reuse is the practice of giving new life to materials that would otherwise be thrown away. At SCRAP, we collect donated supplies like fabric, yarn, paper, art materials, and misc. item, then make them available at low cost to artists, educators, families, and makers. Every item reused means less waste in our landfills and more access to creativity for everyone. Creative reuse helps our communities save money, spark imagination, and care for the planet, all at the same time. - *Kimberly, Executive Director*



DYNAMIC EDUCATION

Our Education team turns creative reuse into hands-on learning for all ages! Through field trips, SCRAP at School, Camps, and workshops, learners see everyday materials in innovative ways. Every project sparks creativity, problem-solving, and care for the planet.

Community Partnerships: We team up with schools, libraries, businesses, and local organizations to bring hands-on creative reuse to classrooms and neighborhoods across our communities.



VOLUNTEER IMPACT

Volunteers power SCRAP. They sort donations, stock shelves, and prep SCRAP kits, keeping prices low for the artists, teachers, and families who rely on us. Some come for quiet focus, others for community, and all leave knowing they made a difference. - *Pictured a student volunteer from the Faison School for Autism*



MATERIAL RESCUE

Our Material Rescue team keeps creativity flowing by organizing pickups and drop-offs, sorting through every donation, and preparing materials so they're ready for their next creative life. Thank you for all the behind-the-scenes work!

Fill Minds Not Landfills: is our business diversion program, we partner with local businesses to keep usable materials out of the landfill and put them into the hands of community members.









SCRAP GIVES BACK

Through SCRAP Gives Back, we share materials at no cost with teachers, nonprofits, and community groups who need them most. Paper, art supplies, SCRAP Kits, and countless other treasures that might have ended up in a landfill find new life in artworks, classrooms, community art projects, and grassroots programs.









OUR STORY



27 YEARS OF SERVICE

SCRAP began in Portland, Oregon in 1998, when local teachers started leaving their leftover classroom materials on a table at *A Teacher's Space* for others to use. In 1999, Julia Wolffe, Arthur Davis, and Capra J'neva won a grant from the Department of Environmental Quality to open a small community creative reuse center, with Joan Grimm of A Teacher's Space as its first executive director.

SCRAP became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that same year. In 2013, SCRAP began expanding beyond Portland, growing into a network with centers in Ann Arbor, Baltimore, and Richmond.

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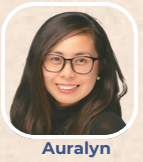
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THANK YOU!

Thank you to our local partners! Find the full list in your Local SCRAP Impact Report.







STAY INVOLVED

- **Shop with us.** Visit a SCRAP store to find affordable supplies and support our mission.
- **Donate materials.** Bring us your clean, usable craft supplies so they can find a new home instead of the landfill.
- **Volunteer.** Help sort donations, support events, and/or lend your skills at your local SCRAP site.
- **Take a class.** Learn new skills and connect with fellow makers.
- **Make a gift.** Support our Year-End Campaign, "Give More, Waste Less," to help us keep materials in use and creativity accessible.
- **Connect your business.** Partner with us through Fill Minds, Not Landfills.
- **Follow and share.** Stay in the loop on social media and our newsletter.



FISCAL YEAR 2026: BECAUSE OF YOU

MATERIALS DIVERTED

326,195 lbs. of materials diverted from the landfill
24,684 lbs. diverted from local businesses.

EDUCATION

5,128 Youth Reached through EDU Programs
3,038 Adults Reached through EDU Programs
480 Workshops, Crafternoons, Craft-n-Sip, Camps...
171 School Visits & Field Trips, Teacher Trainings...

VOLUNTEER POWERED

14,725 volunteer hours from community members, business groups, and nonprofits organizations!
1,227 average hours per month!
244 number of active volunteers
$29,848 worth of SCRAP products made by hand, made with heart.