

It's Official! Ruth's Reusable Resources (3R's) is currently in its 18th year of operation. We are fortunate to have a diversified group of volunteers who continue to help in our efforts to supply schools and nonprofits with the necessary resources needed for their classrooms.

We pride ourselves on "not being just a store but part of the solution".

So as New Year approaches, here are some highlights of this past year.

- January- Grant from Bangor Savings Bank to pay for heat ceiling blowers in the Teacher Store. Scholastic Books in Saco donates pallets of new books.
- February- ceiling blowers & programmable thermostat installed in Teacher Store to save on propane. Hundreds of computers donated by Hannaford & BIW. February vacation records 169 shoppers taking \$68,425.08 in product.
- March- volunteers from Ohio State University to work in warehouse for a week. 3R's also initiates Great Nonprofits Green Campaign asking teachers/public to write a review about 3R's and how it's helped their students www.greatnonprofits.org
- April- The 2nd Annual Sweet Celebration recognized 18 teachers with entertainment by the Blueberry Pancakes, Deering H.S. Jazz Band & Civil Slingers. Volunteer Appreciation Week was celebrated by giving out 55 certificates to our weekly volunteers. Key Bank Book Drive in collaboration with the Red Claws net the Teacher Store over 300 hundred books.
- May- United Way Day of Caring brings volunteers from Baker, Newman & Noyes, Anthem, UNUM, LL Bean, Martin's Point, Hannaford & Spring Harbor to work in the Teacher Store & the warehouse. 3R's also recognized Teacher Appreciation week in the Teacher Store with special items given away to teachers courtesy of Staples.
- June marks the end of the school year. Teacher Store closes June 9th for the 2010-2011 year giving away \$3,660,504.76 worth of donated product to 7574 shoppers. College Missionary students from Tennessee and Alabama assist in the warehouse and store in preparation for opening day in August.
- July- 8TH Annual "Tools for Schools" Supply Drive begins July 1st and ends in August. The Portland Sea Dog's collect supplies at all home games and Ruth throws out first pitch. The Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation awards a grant to purchase backpack supplies. Many individuals, civic organizations & businesses make financial donations towards supplies. Channel 8 News broadcast "TFSC", Reny's, Idexx, UNUM, Anthem, York County United Way & SAPPI held supply drives.

- August - “Backroads for Backpacks” motorcycle ride delivered 146 back packs to Emerson School in Sanford. More than 300 volunteers helped sort, bundle and pack over 3150 backpacks for Maine students. The Teacher Store opens on the 20th for the 11-12 school year with 227 shoppers taking \$166,216.70 worth of supplies. 3R’s received 3 ½ truckloads of new furniture in preparation for Principals New Furniture Give Away.
- September - “Principals New Furniture Give Away Day” was attended by 80 principals taking \$244,071 worth of furniture and 67,770 one subject notebooks donated by Target. The Teacher Store reaches \$1,135,425.65 -million dollar mark of product given away since August 20th.
- October- LL Bean volunteers work in warehouse for two days- 2nd shift 8pm to midnight! South Coast Community Church starts a “flash-stock” the 2nd Friday of each month. 3R’s receives the Maine School Board Business Friend of Education Award.
- November- Maine Children’s Alliance also honors Ruth with the “Giraffe Award”, given to those who “have stuck their neck out for a child”. 3R’s celebrates Nancy’s, 5th year anniversary as a volunteer in the Teacher Store. Since 1994 \$37 Million dollars given away for free to teachers and nonprofits. Since 2008, 2,985 computers have been redistributed into schools with a value of \$72,605.
- December- 3R’s reaches 4 ¾ stars out of 5 in the Great Green Nonprofits website. Over 800 volunteers and 2208 volunteer hours have been recorded by individuals, groups, students and retired teachers. As of December 1st, 3R’s has given away 12,819 3 ring binders, 67,434 pencils, 56,147 pens, 35,837 books, 95,516 one subject notebooks, and 7,145 reams of paper.

Your donations allow us to provide a steady stream of items to teachers and children around the state. Without your help, local classrooms would be bare and their supply cabinets would be empty. All children deserve the chance to succeed in school. Thank you for your partnership in serving teachers and 71,000 students every year.

(Please return below with donation)

Yes, I want to support Ruth’s Reusable Resources with a donation of \$ _____.

Please make checks payable to **Ruth’s Reusable Resources 39 Blueberry Rd. Portland, ME 04102**

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