



Putting Business Surplus to Use in our Schools
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Greetings,

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As Ruth's Reusable Resources enters the sixteenth year of servicing Maine schools and non-profits, we want to thank you for your contribution and commitment to this on-going campaign. In a time when the world faces economic challenges, it is imperative that we continue to grow and succeed in this effort. Ruth's Reusable Resources (3R's) is a great way to leverage the supply, furniture, and equipment budgets for our schools and organizations. Hundreds of dollars invested in membership fees pay off in thousands (and often tens of thousands) of dollars worth of supplies for our members. We know that one of our greatest resources is reusing and recycling product for which others no longer have a need – this is what Ruth's Reusable Resources does best.

Our mission is simple: *"To ensure that students and classrooms in Maine have the basic tools for learning by transferring the community's surplus supplies and merchandise into the hands of teachers and school children."* To fulfill this mission we need your continued support. To make millions of dollars of product available across the state, Ruth's Reusable Resources spends hundreds of thousands of dollars in shipping costs, warehousing, staffing, and operating expenses. Like you we must balance the bottom line. Revenue is realized through membership fees, grants, and donations from supporters like yourself.

Now our challenge to you – take a moment to remember a “favorite” teacher; someone that truly makes or has made a difference in your life or the life of your child. Please make a donation to Ruth Reusable Resources in that teacher's Memory/Honor. There is no greater gift to a teacher than that of honoring the work that they have done. These teachers change lives and Ruth's Reusable Resources, with your help, is here to partner with those teachers to ensure lives continue to be changed.

All teachers will be members of “Ruth's Honor Roll” and posted for shoppers to view. On Friday, April 30, 2010 we will celebrate these teachers at an event to kick off Teacher Appreciation Week. You as donors will be sent invitations to join this celebration.

The staff, board, volunteers, and members are grateful for your support at any level. We hope that you enjoy the enclosed message from staff and students who have benefited from the efforts of all who work to make Ruth's Reusable Resources a success.

Gratefully,

Ruth

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P.S. In keeping with our mission all materials used in this solicitation are recycled, and the printing has been donated.

