



What do volunteers do?

Without volunteers there would not be a Choose to Reuse event. We ask volunteers to give just one hour of their time. Also, volunteers get first pick of items dropped off.

What kinds of items get donated and what's acceptable?

Items donated include: clothes; accessories (jewelry, hats, scarves, shoes); housewares; books; toys; electronics; seasonal items. Only clean, usable items should be put out. If you wouldn't spend money for it, then don't put it out. Waste bins are available for unsuitable clothing or other unacceptable items.

What's not acceptable?

Items that are damaged: for example pots and pans that are too scratched or dented. Clothes with holes. Broken items. Expired food or opened packages. Large pieces. Don't put out these items.

Before 8:00AM

CAC staff sets up the tables, chairs, easels, coat racks and ropes.
Some people drop off stuff.

8:00 - 9:00 AM

Set up begins

Hang up signs that designate categories. Signs should be posted on the tables facing out so people who walk by can see what's available.

Collect and sort donations.

9:00 – 10:45 AM

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10:45 – 11:00 AM

Count donations. Put items aside until 11:20. Begin to distribute CtR cards.

11:00 AM – 12:20 PM

Event opens at 11:00 and is very busy until 11:20. We can have 90-120 people in the first half hour. Keep track of how many people attend and how many items are donated. Distribute and collect CtR cards.

12:20 PM – 1:00 PM

Collect and sort donations, fold items and keep the tables neat

Continue to track how many people attend and how many items are donated. We average 30 people per half hour from noon to 1:00. Distribute and collect CtR cards.

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Clean up after the event. Items are counted and sorted into donations, recycling and trash. It's best to have 3-4 people during clean up. Many hands make for light work!

Have a question about the event? Read our FAQs.