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.



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 student volunteers from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority at UofM*



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



ROOTED IN ANN ARBOR SINCE 1983

SCRAP A2's story began in 1983, when Karen Ensminger founded The Scrap Box after seeing the recycling program at Boston's Children's Museum. What started as a space open only two hours a week grew into its own nonprofit by 1985.

In mid-2017, The Scrap Box joined SCRAP Creative Reuse and became SCRAP A2. In November 2019, it moved to its current home, just months before the pandemic, making that transition even more challenging. SCRAP A2 persevered, growing its education programming, materials rescue, and continuing its legacy of creative reuse. Today, it fully staffed and open seven days a week!





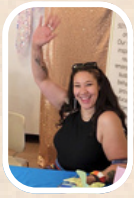


THANK YOU!

Alaina's Children's Center, Ann Arbor District Library, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Ann Arbor Public Schools, Ann Arbor Women for Good, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Washtenaw County, Bløm Meadworks, Cafe Liv, Camp Go Blue, Center for Independent Living, Childtime, Clonara School, Dorothy's Discovery Daycare Center, Eastern Michigan University, Everbrook Academy, Galens Medical Society's Tag Days Fund, Girl Scouts, Girls Group, Head Start, IXL Kids, Leslie Science & Nature Center, Lowertown, Maiz, Mend on the Move, Michigan Theater, Riverside Arts Center, Rosey Romper Room, Runway Rumble, Southeast Michigan Women's Center, State Street Academy, Sylvan Factory, This, That, and the Odder Things, Top of the Park, Tot Spot, Trinity Health, Washtenaw Community College, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, Whitmore Lake Public Schools, Willow and Reverie Homeschool Co-op, Ypsilanti Community Schools, Ypsilanti District Library

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

68,070 lbs. of materials diverted from the landfill
2,985 lbs. diverted from local businesses.

EDUCATION

1,302 Youth Reached through EDU Programs
753 Adults Reached through EDU Programs
102 Workshops, Crafternoons, Craft-n-Sip, Camps...
40 School visits & Field Trips, creativity and sustainability delivered directly to students

VOLUNTEER POWERED

4,321 volunteer hours from community members, business groups, and nonprofits organizations!
360 average hours per month!
63 number of active volunteers
$9,540 worth of SCRAP products made by hand, made with heart.

SCRAP CREATIVE REUSE
ANN ARBOR, MI