



High-impact Group Volunteer Experience

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Mission

Furniture Repair Bank is **building a community** of mighty, courageous, and empathic individuals while **rescuing furniture** from the landfill and **helping refugees** and low-income households.

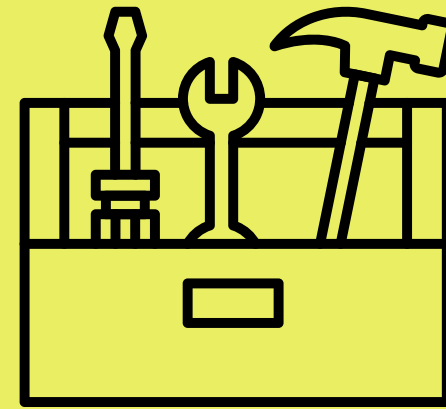
Vision

At Furniture Repair Bank we envision a future where **furniture waste is eliminated**, repair **skills are fostered** for generations, and vulnerable households have **access to quality furniture**.

The Issues



Nine millions tons of furniture are landfilled annually in the United States alone according to EPA estimates



Repair skills are less frequently passed down through the generations in our increasingly disposable economy



Refugees and low-income people emerging from homelessness need support in starting their lives over

Our Process

Furniture Collection

We collect worn and damaged furniture from the community through individual donations, city-sponsored drives, and partners like junk haulers.

We focus on **basic items that cannot be donated to other organizations** and are generally suitable for smaller spaces.



Repair & Redesign

We revive discarded items by repairing, refurbishing, and redesigning them to like-new condition.

No skills are required to join us! We teach and build restoration skills.

We specialize in single-day events and help companies and groups meet their volunteer goals.



you come in here!

Equitable access

We work with resettlement agencies, shelters, and other organizations that **help families and individuals build new lives.**

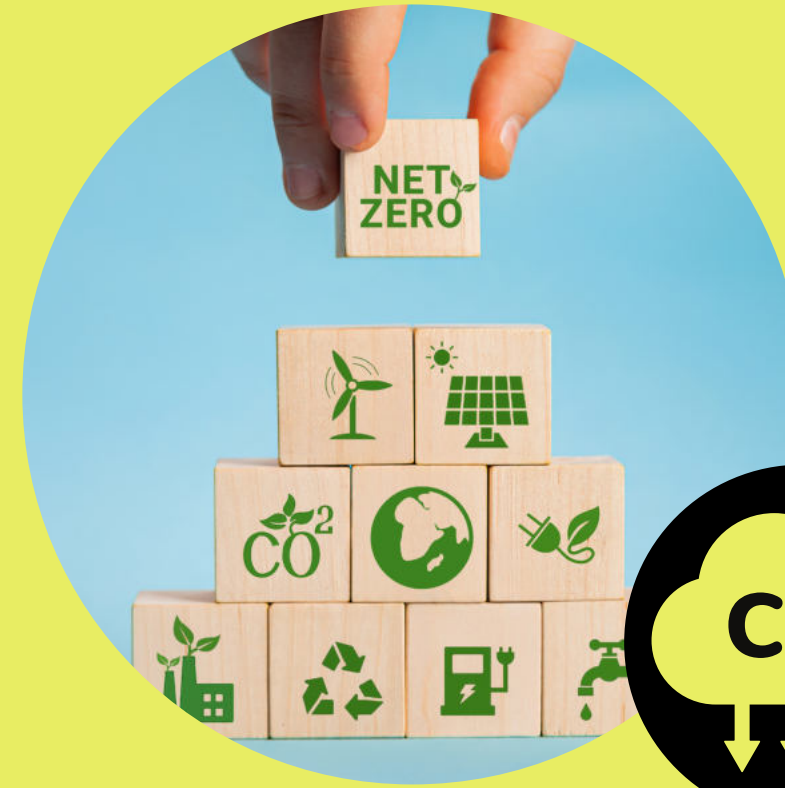
We support refugee families, individuals emerging from homeless situations, women fleeing domestic violence, and others in need of timely help.



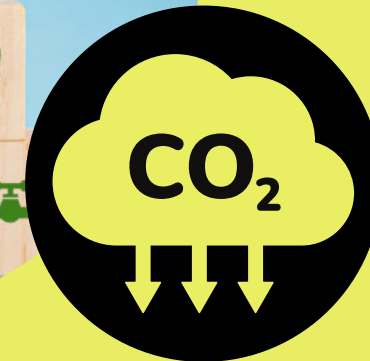
Average Monthly Impact



Bring 4,000 pounds
of furniture back
into circulation



Prevent 4,600
pounds of CO2
emissions



Empower individuals
and teams through
hundreds of
volunteer hours



Improve the lives of
40 vulnerable
community
members



Team Building Events - Conditions



Group size: Our space can host teams of up to 30 people.

Date/Time: Morning, afternoon, and weekend opportunities are available in 3-hour blocks.

If interested in a day long activity, we can incorporate a mid-day break with snacks and chats.

Prerequisites: None. No prior furniture refinishing experience is required.

Dress code: We recommend work clothes as some tasks may be messy. Closed-toe shoes are required. In colder seasons we encourage layers.

Location: 1914 Occidental Ave S, Unit C, Seattle

We have limited parking and encourage carpooling

Team Building Events - Experience

1: Onboarding, safety instructions, and overview of our collective impacts

2: Depending on the size of the team and their interests we will divide into groups of 5-8 to be introduced to a particular part of the restoration process.

Guidance and techniques will be provided.

◦ Possible tasks may include:

- Sanding
- Paint stripping
- Painting/staining
- Disassembly or fabric removal
- Seat upholstery/stapling

3: We provide all necessary tools, PPE, and even snacks.

4: We pick the soundtrack for the day and have fun!





“ It was such a great time; my team loved it. Love the story of how the organization got started! It's inspiring to hear before starting the work, including the number of families/pieces of furniture completed each month. What an amazing vision/organization. We'll be back. ”

— Sarah Ama, senior supply planner GCA
Greener Apron, Starbucks

View one of our
volunteer events in
action!



Corporate Matching Gifts & Volunteer Grants

Participation in our corporate volunteering program is free, but as a non-profit, we appreciate and benefit from in-kind and monetary donations.

Many companies provide charitable matching or volunteer grant programs that can double the impact of donations and time.

If you are volunteering with a non-work-sponsored group, please check with your employer to see if they offer these benefits.

To support our efforts, visit our donations page

<https://www.repairbank.org/donate>



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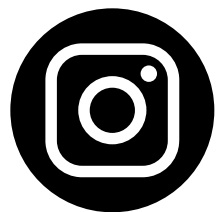
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