



Fill Needs • Not Landfills

L.A. SHARES is a nonprofit materials reuse program, which takes donations of reusable goods and materials (both new and gently used) from the local business community and redistributes these items FREE-OF-CHARGE to nonprofit organizations and schools throughout the City of Los Angeles.

LAST YEAR, L.A. SHARES redistributed more than \$8 million worth of goods and materials. Established in 1991, L.A. SHARES has given away more than \$180 million worth of goods to over 2,500 Los Angeles nonprofit organizations and schools.

L.A. SHARES is a web-based philanthropy. Through our interactive website, www.lashares.org, businesses can make donations, and Los Angeles schools and nonprofit agencies can register for the program—creating a “wish list” of the items that they need. The website’s relational database then cross-matches incoming donations with these “wish lists” to award goods and supplies to those needy and deserving organizations. Please go to www.lashares.org for more information.

IN ADDITION TO receiving tax deductions for items contributed, donors save the disposal cost of unwanted items. L.A. SHARES will arrange for a free pick up of your donation. To date, L.A. SHARES has worked with over 2,000 local businesses.

BY UTILIZING L.A. SHARES, California businesses adhere to Assembly Bill 939, which requires them to reduce their landfill-bound waste. Last year, L.A. SHARES diverted more than 1,000,000 pounds of goods and materials from needlessly entering local landfills. L.A. SHARES has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as the “model program” for the United States. In addition, L.A. SHARES has been honored by The White House Task Force on Recycling and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for its outstanding environmental achievement.

L.A. SHARES has helped more than 2,500 nonprofit organizations and schools throughout Los Angeles including: Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Organization for the Needs of the Elderly, Habitat for Humanity, Inner City Cultural Center, Union Rescue Mission, Los Angeles Girl Scout Council, the San Fernando Valley Child Guidance Clinic, John Marshall High School, Canoga Park Elementary School, Los Angeles Family School and thousands more.

L.A. SHARES is the single largest donor of goods and materials to the Los Angeles Unified School District, the Arts community, Charter Schools, After School Enrichment programs, the Recreation and Parks community, the Theater community and the Alcohol and Drug Recovery community, among others.

To learn more about L.A. SHARES, please go to our website www.lashares.org or e-mail us at admin@lashares.org.