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Nonprofit Saves Planet, One Couch at a Time

MAP Furniture Bank started out ten years ago intending to improve the lives of local residents in need with couches, beds and the comfort of home. Today, the nonprofit does that and then some, significantly impacting the local environment.

Last year, MAP Furniture Bank recycled 305 semi-trailers worth of furniture. The organization accomplished this by providing free pickup of used furniture to local residents and institutions. The nonprofit then recycled the furniture into the homes of 3,548 local families in need.

“While our mission is to serve families, we are delighted to help the environment as well,” said Jim Stein, president, “We currently save our landfill one and a half weeks worth of space each year, and we estimate there is at least three times as much furniture we could collect if residents knew about our service.”

MAP Furniture Bank accepts couches, tables, chairs, appliances, household goods, mattresses and other used furniture items that would otherwise be destined for the landfill. A full listing of accepted items is available at www.mapfurniturebank.org.

MAP Furniture Bank provides free furniture to central Ohio residents who are dealing with severe life challenges ranging from previous homelessness to mental disability. Nearly 80 percent of client families earn less than \$10,000 annually, leaving them unable to properly furnish their homes.

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