



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



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Creative Reuse's
mission is to foster
sustainability,
creativity, and
community through
reuse.

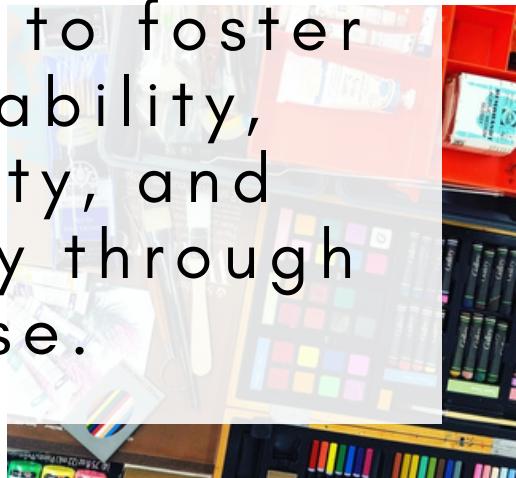


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We are committed
to the accessibility
of knowledge,
resources, and joy.



A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear supporters and friends,

This year, Turnip Green launched a new program: Materials for Partners, which established a process for collecting and distributing materials to organizations and schools, and expanded our Commercial Drop-Off program that allows more materials to be donated by businesses and commercial donors to our Creative Reuse Center. Both programs reflected a growing desire in Middle Tennessee to make more sustainable choices and to connect with one another in doing so. I am deeply inspired by the partnerships formed through these efforts and the path they create for continued growth and investment in Turnip Green. In 2024, we saw a 35% increase in customers in our Creative Reuse Center and a 31% increase in materials donated compared to the previous year.

Providing materials to the community increases access to creative endeavors and supports art as a pathway to economic opportunity and career development. In 2024, we proudly launched two new artist-centered events and invested in our workshop program. Each of these are designed to empower emerging artists - offering opportunities to develop new skills, share their creativity with the community, and build sustainable careers.

Through the work we do every day, I feel an immense hope as we come together to build a more sustainable, connected, and creative future.

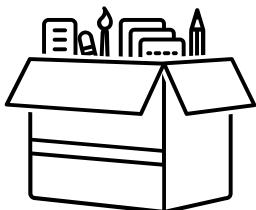
From all of us at Turnip Green Creative Reuse, thank you!

Erin Boddy



2024 IMPACT

CREATIVE REUSE CENTER

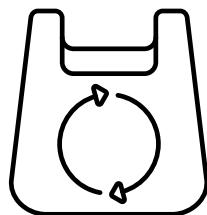


353,735

POUNDS OF MATERIALS
DIVERTED FROM THE
LANDFILL

35,935

CUSTOMERS



4,047

HOURS OF
VOLUNTEER SERVICE

HOW NASHVILLE MOVES

"For years, I've sought a thoughtful and sustainable solution to "what happens to yard signs" after campaigns. Thousands end up in trashcans—ultimately filling up Nashville's landfills. Then, a colleague mentioned Turnip Green Creative Reuse to me a couple years ago. Now when we're coordinating sign collection after Election Day, I have a real plan for what we can do with all of this corrugated plastic. We make an effort to collect our signs, knowing they'll find new life through Turnip Green instead of sitting in a dump for the next century.

What I appreciate most is how they're turning my problem into someone else's solution. Nashville is lucky to have organizations like Turnip Green that help us reimagine our excess and be more thoughtful about what we might otherwise throw away."

Jeff Morris,
How Nashville Moves
Executive Director



EDUCATION & OUTREACH PROGRAMS



8,535

EDUCATION & OUTREACH
PROGRAMMING PARTICIPANTS

51

PARTNER
SCHOOLS



4,292

REUSE ART KITS DISTRIBUTED IN
METRO NASHVILLE PUBLIC
SCHOOLS & OTHER PARTNERS

WAYNESBORO ELEMENTARY

"Turnip Green's Southwest Creativity Kits made a tremendous impact on Waynesboro Elementary by bringing hands-on, engaging learning experiences into our classroom. These kits sparked curiosity and inspired my students to explore, build, and create in ways that support both academic and emotional growth. From fostering teamwork to encouraging critical thinking, the materials provided countless opportunities for meaningful student-led discovery. I incorporated the kits into various lessons, making learning come alive. I am so grateful for the support and generosity behind this initiative. Turnip Green invested in our students and helped us create a more vibrant, creative, and enriching learning environment. The contribution truly made a difference!"

**Makohl Haggard,
Intervention Specialist,
Waynesboro Elementary**

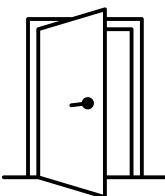


ARTIST ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

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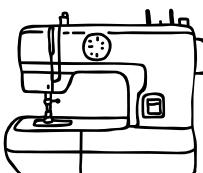
LOCAL ARTISTS FEATURED
IN OUR GALLERY & ARTIST
MARKETPLACE



724

STUDIO WORKSHOP
PARTICIPANTS

95



STUDIO WORKSHOPS

JANET RIDGILL

“Turnip Green Creative Reuse has provided a great source of creative opportunities for my entire family. We are a family of four and we have seen our daughters pick up knitting and embroidery from the excitement of finding materials at Turnip Green. We love the mission of Turnip Green.

As an art teacher, I have always saved random materials for those “just in case” moments. When I first discovered Turnip Green, it provided a place where I could donate materials that I never found a use for in my classroom. I felt good about putting those materials back out there for another creative opportunity.

On a whim, I signed up for a printmaking workshop. I learned so much in that workshop and it inspired me to keep producing. It was very exciting to have our work in an exhibit after the workshop. So many times, I have put my student’s work in shows and this was a great reminder of the importance of an audience for artists. I took a leap of faith and placed my work in the Marketplace at TGCR. It is such a thrill when I see that my work has sold. The workshop and marketplace experience has given me confidence as a producing artist. I am very grateful for opportunities that Turnip Green has provided.”



**Janet Ridgill,
Studio Workshop
Participant, Art Teacher
at Beech High School**

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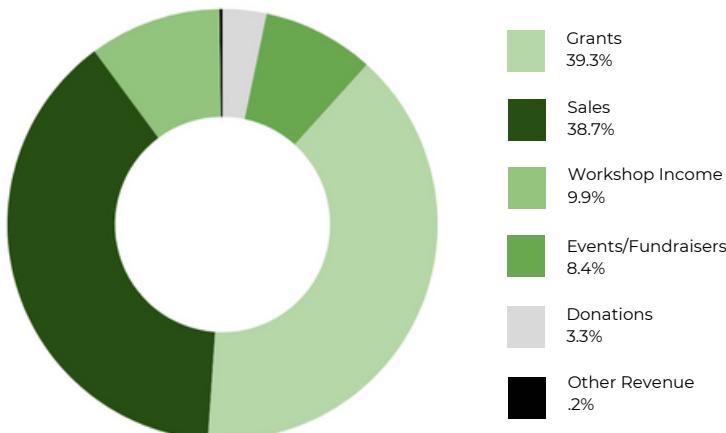
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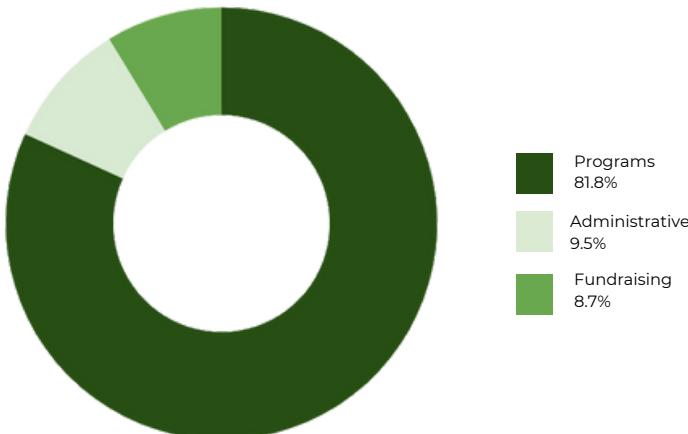
FINANCIALS

The graphs below show all cash and grant-restricted activity in FY2024. TGCR's operating budget was \$1.2M during this period.

REVENUE



EXPENSES



LOOKING AHEAD

In 2025, we will launch a new three-year strategic plan which will incorporate community feedback! Our goals focus on strengthen the long-term sustainability of the organization. Investment will continue to go into our community outreach & education programs, our Artist Marketplace and Gallery, workshops, and Creative Reuse Center.

Turnip Green is also excited to be launching a new logo, refreshed branding, and updated website in the new year to better reflect who we are and the programs we provide.

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