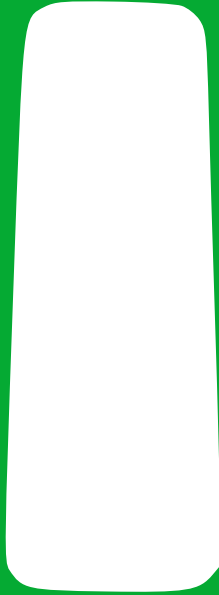




2025 Turnip Green Creative Reuse Annual Impact Report



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














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





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A Letter from the Executive Director

Dear supporters and friends of Turnip Green,

We are so proud of the impact that we made together in 2025. Through our Creative Reuse Center this year, we diverted nearly 400,000 pounds of material from the landfill and put them into the hands of artists, students, teachers, and other community members. Through our workshops, Artist Marketplace, Gallery, and education programs, we are able to explore creative outlets through the lens of reuse. The work we do at Turnip Green supports Middle Tennessee by reducing waste, providing education on sustainable solutions, and redistributing material to those who need it most.

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

Erin Boddy





2025 Impact: Creative Reuse Center



366,198

Pounds of materials
diverted from the landfill



47,242

Customers



3,421

Hours of Volunteer Service



River Dome

Ecological, community-minded public art installation

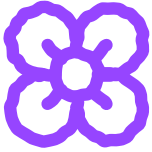
"I appreciate partnering with Turnip Green Creative Reuse on making 'River Dome,' a 10' x 17' geodesic dome completely covered in bottle caps, most of which were donated to Turnip Green, and in turn, to River Dome. The project is part of 'Make Waves,' my national initiative which works with river cities to address plastic pollution through the creation of joyful, large-scale artworks made by and with the residents of those cities. Approximately 300 people participated in making River Dome, which was shown at Music City Walk of Fame Park as part of ArtVille Nashville, Sept 26-28, 2025. In addition to providing materials, TGCR led a fun-filled artmaking workshop inside the dome, which was a big hit! Partnering with such organizations as TGCR adds to the overall sustainability ethos and helps unite people over shared values of protecting the environment."

Adrienne Outlaw
Reuse Artist





2025 Impact: Education & Outreach



6,085

Program Participants



46

Partner Schools



4,261

Reuse creativity kits
distributed in Metro Nashville
Public Schools



Supporting Students

Partnering with Metro Nashville Public Schools

“Turnip Green Creative Reuse is a great community partner, serving our schools, and socio-economically disadvantaged students. Turnip Green has been an approved Metro Nashville Public Schools partner for over 10 years. Through that time they have served our schools in a myriad of ways. TGCR has brought materials and kits to many of our Title I schools, they have taught students on how to make art out of recycled materials during the school day, brought after-school programming to several schools and provided materials and resources for our teachers and families.”

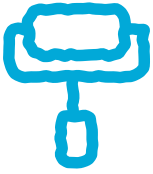
In July 2025, Turnip Green received grant funding through the Phoenix Club of Nashville to support 5 MNPS schools for 12 weeks of aftercare programming at no cost. This support allowed us to continue meaningful partnerships with multiple low-resourced schools and relationships with students and families.

Chris Echegaray
Coordinator of Community
Engagement, Schools of Innovation,
Metro Nashville Public Schools



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2025 Impact: Artist Engagement



97

Studio Workshops



598

Studio Workshop Participants



110

Local artists featured in our
Gallery & Artist Marketplace





People of TGCR

Impacted community members
through our programs

“I started [building real houses] when I was 7 [with my uncle]. I worked at the sheet metal company, I did that for 21 years after the houses... They told me I worked too much. I’ve been doing [miniature houses] about three years now. It keeps me busy because in my head, I build them at night. It gives me something to do because I’ll be doing houses or apartments in my sleep, and it kind of helps me...It keeps it inside my head a little smaller, you know? I didn’t [consider myself an artist] until teachers and people kept telling me. I been like what are you talking about? I’ve only been doing this a couple of years. They call me, they call me, what is that artist’s name? ... Rembrandt? Everybody calls me that. Everybody. There are people who I don’t even know [who] call me that!”

Ray is an artist who started building miniature houses after suffering a stroke that left him unable to work. He currently lives at Room In The Inn and is a regular shopper at Turnip Green, where he finds the necessary materials for his artwork.

Ray McMinnis

Reuse Artist



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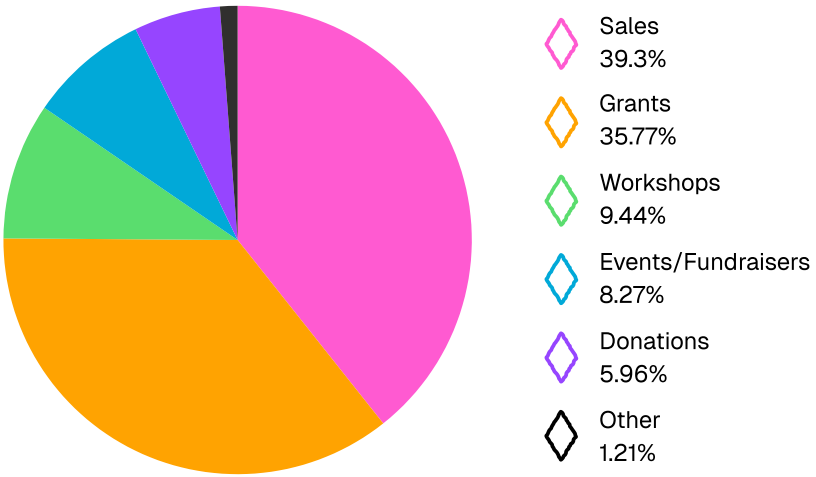


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Parks/Compass Real Estate

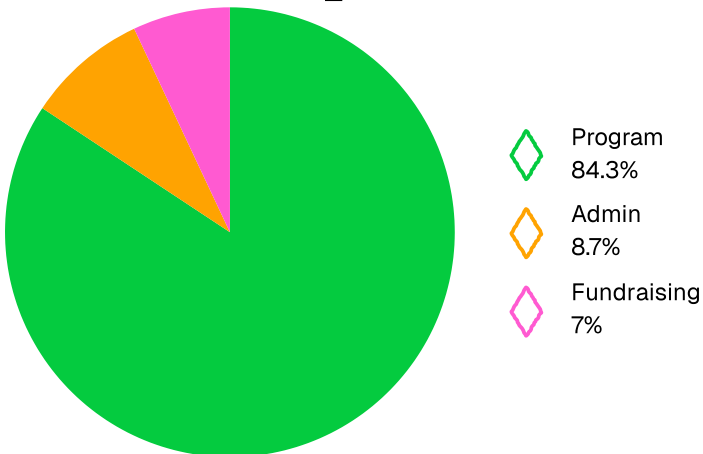
\$ Financials

The graphs below show all cash and grant-restricted activity in FY2025. TGCR's operating budget was \$1.2M during this period.

Revenue



Expenses



Looking Ahead

Our engagement programs are taking an exciting shift in the springtime - we are creating more space for studio workshops, private programs, field trips, volunteer groups and more. In doing this, our gallery space is taking a hiatus. Pop-up shows and our Artist Marketplace will continue to give opportunities for emerging artists to show and sell their reuse art at Turnip Green. In the Summer of 2026, with our expanded studio, we are excited to be hosting our first ever summer camp - supporting neighborhood youth, students in our school programs, and families that enjoy shopping at Turnip Green. Our goal for this program is to support the needs in the community this summer with accessible programming and hands-on, fun, creative, educational learning. Additionally, our Partnerships program will be releasing a packet showcasing the ways local organizations, businesses, and corporate entities can choose sustainable solutions and support the work of Turnip Green. The expanded program creates new opportunities to engage with partners, while keeping more material from entering our landfills. We hope to partner with you in 2026, and beyond!

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