

SWIFT

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ABOUT BEING INVOLVED WITH SAMPLE WASTE REDUCTION

SWIFT is new and growing fast! Late in 2007 Sue Patroliia, a member of the Sustainable Furnishings Council and an MBA in Organizational & Environmental Sustainability from Antioch, had the idea that it should be possible to reduce dump-destined sample waste by 50% within 5 years. She started exploring the idea and found others who saw the possibility and would work with her. SWIFT, the **S**ample **W**aste **I**nitiative in **F**urniture and **T**extiles, was formed with a website and a key link to the SFC. Now, less than a year later, we are fortunate to have formed GIFFT (Green Initiative for Furniture and Textiles), a program that will this year transform more than 10 tons of discarded samples and fabric into gifts for children in need. GIFFT is a collaborative effort involving Avangard Innovative, a global recycling company; Quilts for Kids Inc., a non-profit charity that transforms unwanted fabric into quilts, wheelchair bags, and totes that help children in need; CH Robinson, a major transportation company and SWIFT.

HOW are we working to realize Sue's vision?

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

- Reduce by making greater use of digital sampling.
- Reuse by giving your sample waste to others.
- Recycle by engineering fabrics that can be shredded and made into new fiber.

WHAT can you do now?

Donate to SWIFT in one or more of the following ways:

1. Dropping your fabric sample waste at any of these 3 locations.

* Avangard Innovative, Houston, TX

* Sonoco Recycling, Greensboro, NC

* Sunburst Paper, Loxley, AL

More sites will be announced as they become available. CH Robinson provides transport to Quilts For Kids.

2. Donating your fabric sample waste directly to your nearest QFK chapter. Contact Linda Arye, director, for more info: linda.arye@quiltsforkids.org, 215-295-5484 for contacts at Quilts for Kids chapters in the following locations:

Nassau, Bahamas
Homewood, AL
Anchorage, AK

Overgaard, AZ
Tucson, AZ
Corona, CA
Davis, CA

Sacramento, CA
San Francisco, CA
Vista, CA
Hartford, CT
Woodbury, CT
Las Animas, CO
Delaware, DE
Lehigh Acres, FL
Jacksonville, FL
Vero Beach, FL
Covington, GA
Boise, ID
Crown Point, IN
Danville, IN
Earlham, IA
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, ME
Southwest Harbor, ME
Annapolis, MD
Germantown, MD
South of Boston, MA
Delton, MI
Picayune, MS
St. Louis, MO
Fort Dix, NJ
Kendall Park, NJ

Northern NJ (East Hanover)
Pennington, NJ
Westfield, NY
Charlotte, NC
Graham-Triangle, NC
Akron, OH (University of Akron)
Solon, OH:
Altus, OK
Moore, OK
Tulsa, OK
Weatherford (Western), OK
Yardley, PA
Bensalem, PA
Emmaus, PA
Lancaster, PA
Levittown, PA
Northern PA (Poconos)
Summerville, SC
Decatur, TN
Austin, TX
Dallas, TX
Meridian, TX
Wheeler, TX
Chester, VA
Salem, WV
Holmen, WI

Cottage industries that use sample waste for charitable purposes:

Troutville, VA
Woodstock, VA
 Mooresville, NC

3. Make a secure tax-deductible donation at:

<http://new.sustainablefurnishings.org/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset+1&id+8>

or by check to:

Sustainable Furnishings Council SWIFT
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