

M25M RECYCLING



RESCUE. REUSE. RECYCLE.

Matthew 25: Ministries rescues and reuses approximately 15,000,000 pounds of excess corporate products each year. These products include clothing, food, personal care products, cleaning products, medical supplies, educational materials and latex paint.

Donated products are processed and packaged for shipment at Matthew 25: Ministries' 168,000 square-foot facility in Blue Ash. These desperately needed basic necessities are delivered to underserved areas in our community, throughout the United States and to developing countries worldwide.

In many of the areas we serve, recipients reuse the 4' x 4' x 4' cardboard boxes that are used for shipping products to build or repair walls in their houses; and the plastic that wraps the cardboard boxes is used to patch roofs. Recipients also use the lumber from our pallets to build furniture and repair homes.

Rescuing excess corporate products and recycling them for redistribution to the poorest of the poor allows the recipients of these donations to redirect their marginal income to other areas such as education and micro-enterprise that will help to break the cycle of poverty.

ADDITIONAL RECYCLING PROGRAMS

In addition to rescuing, reusing and recycling the excess products and materials of others, Matthew 25: Ministries has several creative and extremely successful rescue and reuse projects.

- Matthew 25: Ministries bales and recycles all paper, plastic and cardboard used in the Processing Center – approximately 78 tons (156,000 pounds) of product each year, which provides cash for Matthew 25's programs.
- Matthew 25: Ministries bales and recycles all fabric and clothing deemed unusable for redistribution purposes which provides cash for Matthew 25's programs.

IN-HOUSE MANUFACTURING

Matthew 25: Ministries supplements outside donations by manufacturing and repurposing products in-house at our facility in Blue Ash, Ohio.

- Matthew 25: Ministries' Print Center uses cost-effective machinery and low-cost paper to make notebooks for needy students.
- Matthew 25: Ministries' Rainbow Paint Reblending Program gathers unwanted and unused latex paint for reblending purposes.
- Matthew 25: Ministries' Pill Bottle Recycling Program rescues used pill bottles and either adds those bottles to pallets of medical supplies or shreds the bottles into recyclable plastic chips, which provide cash for Matthew 25's programs.



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