

Creating Reuse Infrastructure in Chicago

A Re-X Supply Chain for Supplies

*There are **goods** and there are **needs**. We can make the connection!*

Every year, \$billions are spent to buy supplies and tools for schools and offices—thousands of tons of which are discarded before they are fully or even partially used.

...and every day, teachers, artists, and nonprofits scramble for these same materials. Chicago Public Schools teachers spend nearly \$500 annually from their own pockets on supplies.

What if there were a way to **recirculate and creatively repurpose** supplies at an urban scale, so that they go to productive use rather than landfill?



In 2023, operating 3 days/week, CCRx redistributed **47 tons of surplus** from **239 donors** to **912 shoppers**. We sold **941 boxes** plus **1,154 special finds**. We held **64 creative reuse workshops** at **11 locations** and served **134 teachers** at our annual Supply Giveaway weekend.



Trash is just a failure of imagination!

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