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**REUSE CENTER CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF DOORS, DRYERS AND GREAT DEALS
WITH SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENT SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

**Workshops, children's activities, tours and discounts
planned to thank customers for 10 years of reuse**

Ann Arbor, MI – Recycle Ann Arbor, a leader in recycling and waste programs, is celebrating the 10th anniversary of The ReUse Center with a special community event on Saturday, September 16, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Free workshops, children's activities, tours and discounts will take place throughout the day to thank customers for 10 great years.

The ReUse Center, located at 2420 S. Industrial Highway, is a 20,000-s.f. retail facility offering a huge variety of new and gently used household items and building materials at affordable prices. Donations and purchases of these reuseable materials help conserve resources and energy, while reducing waste in our community.

"The phenomenal success of The ReUse Center over the past 10 years is due directly to the grassroots involvement of the community and its commitment to recycling and conservation," said Recycle Ann Arbor Executive Director Melinda Uerling. "Our 10th anniversary celebration is an opportunity to show our customers and patrons how much we value their support."

Saturday's event features activities of interest for both adults and children, and all are free of charge. The celebration begins at 9 a.m., and continues through 5 p.m.

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Event highlights include:

- Reuse and restore **workshops** with The Sierra Club and Growing Hope, including how to use reused materials to build bird houses (9:30-10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.-noon), and garbage can composters and rain barrels (ongoing from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.);
- Recycling **truck tours**, including children's photos in the driver's seat (9 a.m.-1p.m.);
- A special **Scavenger Hunt** just for children;
- The **Whatchathingamajig Table**, a tongue-in-cheek attempt to identify weird and unusual objects and contraptions;
- **10% Off** all items in The ReUse Center all day; and
- Light **refreshments** beginning at 11 a.m., while supplies last.

In addition, the Environmental House green building resource center will hold a special reception on Friday, September 15, from 6-8 p.m. The Environmental House is located adjacent to The ReUse Center at 2420 S. Industrial Highway, and will also be open on Saturday during the 10th Anniversary Celebration for tours throughout the day.

Since it was founded in 1996, all proceeds from The ReUse Center have gone directly toward maintaining and staffing the facility, and supporting waste reduction activities in the community, such as Recycle Ann Arbor's Environmental House. The ReUse Center also provides discounts and donates items to other nonprofit agencies. Donations may be dropped off at the Center, or picked up from local residents, businesses or building sites free of charge.

Founded in 1977, Recycle Ann Arbor is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to providing education and innovative services in the collection, processing and distribution of recyclable materials. A leader in recycling and waste reduction, Recycle Ann Arbor started Michigan's first curbside recycling program in 1978. Recycle Ann Arbor operates the state's largest community drop-off center, The ReUse Center, the Environmental House green building resource center, and the Ann Arbor Curbside Recycling program.

For more information about the 10th Anniversary Celebration or Recycle Ann Arbor, please call (734) 662-6288 or visit Recycle Ann Arbor on the Web at: www.recycleannarbor.org.

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