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These Giving Stories from our sustainable network together with their "unselfies" paint a clear picture: they are able to give back to their community with the help of The Furniture Trust. These amazing people hire us to give their furniture a good home. They work for non-profits and try to make the world better for others. They dedicate their time, both personal and professional, to help others.

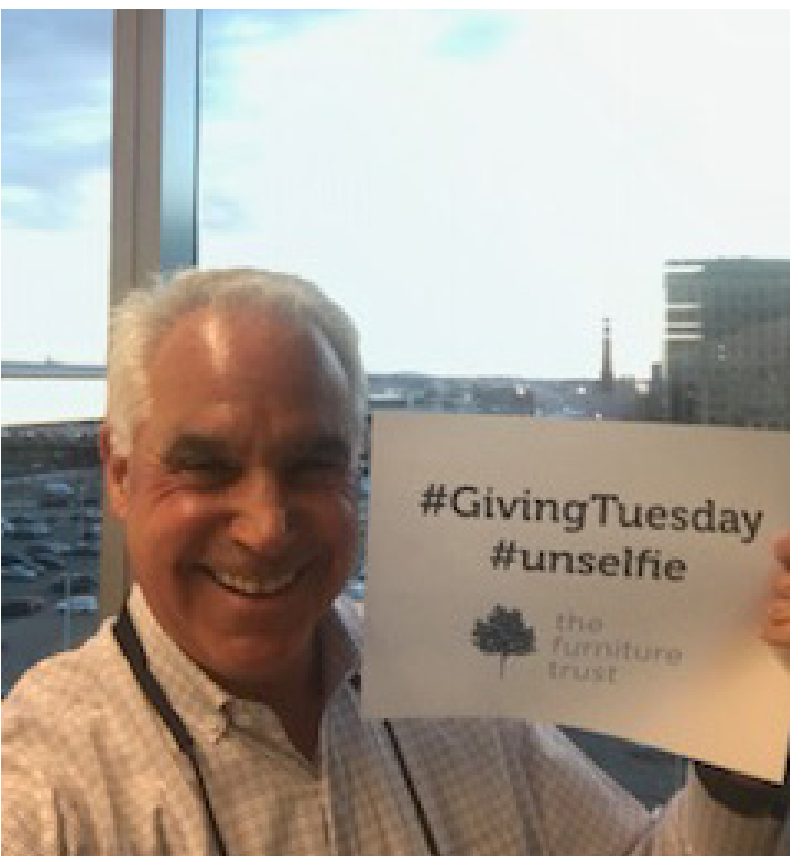
What's YOUR giving story?



"When the Chamber was moving into our new office space, we wanted to find a new home for some great furniture while giving back to our community. We entrusted in The Furniture Trust because of their mission of making a positive impact in the community. We wanted someone who cares about the community as much as we do here at the Chamber. The Furniture Trust assured us that our furniture would be put to good use, The South Row Elementary School is now the new home to our office furniture and they couldn't be happier."

Jeanne Sullivan & Loreen Watts, Boston Chamber of Commerce

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"As VP of Sales for Red Thread, we hired The Furniture Trust to acquire furniture from a large suburban client. With furniture coming from the entire headquarters campus, I'm so excited to see how TFT will disseminate that product back into the community over 2.5 years and 11 phases. I feel good about our decision to hire TFT because all this furniture would have ended up in a landfill, but now can go to police and fire stations, clinics, healthcare facilities, schools, and other organizations catering to the homeless, abuse survivors, the list of those who need furniture goes on and on."

Frank Tenaglia, Red Thread

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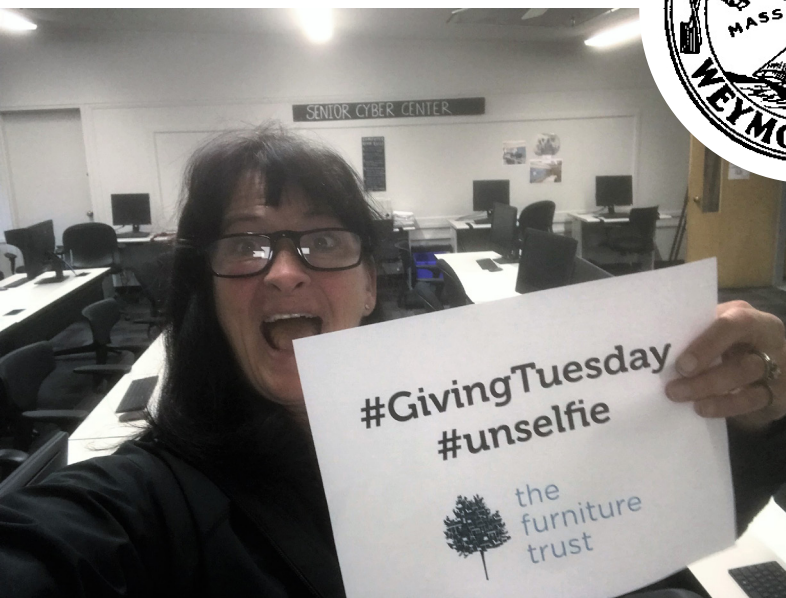
"I've always loved the concept of recycling because it includes a thoughtfulness about the world that transcends the individual. My experience with The Furniture Trust (TFT) took that to the next level. It merged my world of design for the new office with the recycling -- or upcycling -- of the old office. When I worked on the new office space for The Predictive Index, we donated a truckload of old furniture to TFT including cubicles, desks, chairs, and file cabinets. It just didn't seem right to dispose of it, and I'm so glad we didn't. I was absolutely amazed to see how high school students were able to creatively think about giving new life to

old office furniture as part of the TFT Eco-Carpentry Challenge. They deconstructed wood from desks, and repurposed laminate panels and metal hardware to create new fun things like ping pong tables, a life-size chess board, and ergonomic workstations -- the kinds of things that I would buy to put into new office spaces. It was incredible to be at the competition talking with students about their ideation process, the challenges of turning vision into reality, and seeing the happiness and immense pride on their faces. That would have been enough for me on its own, but it got even better when I was asked by the winning student team to come speak at their high school. I was so honored, and I'll never forget that day. I felt like I was able to give back to my community in a small way on that day. I hope that some of my words inspired and resonated with them, and that they will continue to change the world as they're already doing. Who knew that so much good could come out of upcycling furniture."

~Lannhi Tran, Founder and Chief Interior Designer of Little Dragon

(Recipient of "2016 Award for Best New Workplace | Small Renovation" from CoreNet New England for The Predictive Index)

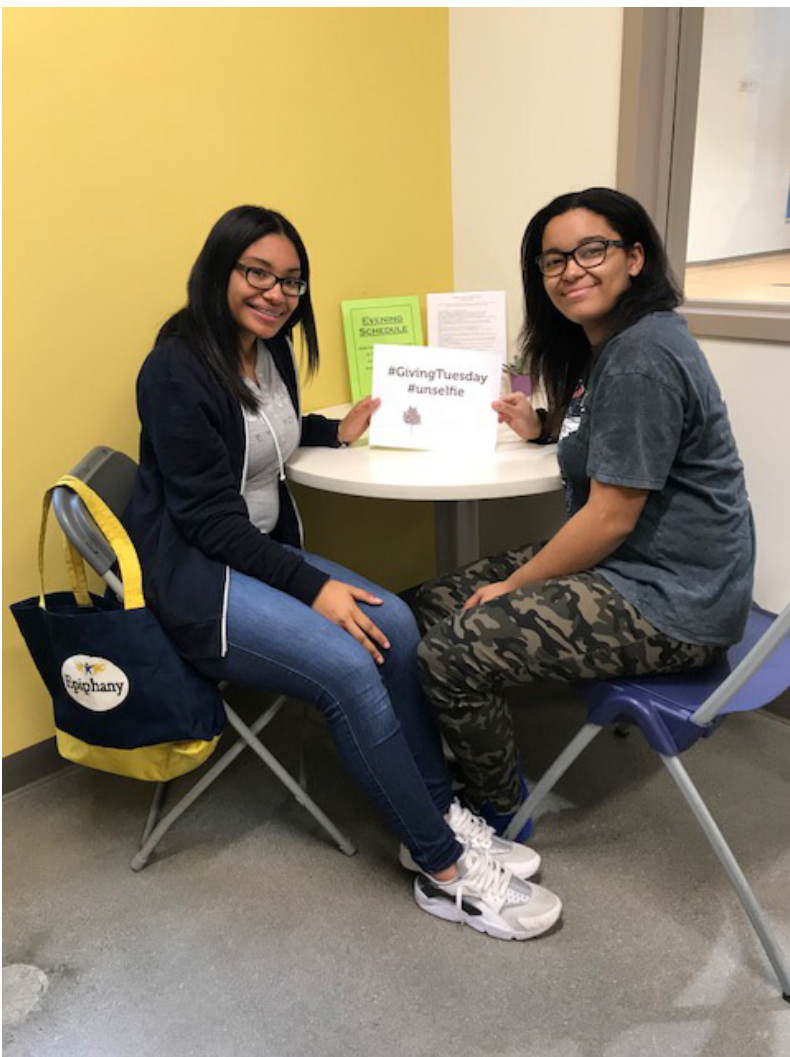
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"The Furniture Trust has significantly impacted Weymouth Elder Services, Senior Center. A few chairs for the new computer lab, a new desk for the movie room, file cabinets, a reception desk, conference tables and chairs, the Furniture Trust has made a huge, and significant impact in the update and redesign of the Weymouth Senior Center. As a senior center, we have little or no money to spend to make updates and improvements. Many towns are building brand new beautiful, state of the art senior centers. Our town just does not have that in the capital improvement plan for the immediate future. Our senior center is operated in a 1950's school building, fully equipped with chalk boards and sinks in every room. We are grateful for the space we have, but nothing had been updated since maybe the 50's when it was built. As a new Director, I had to figure out how to update our 1950's senior center on a non-existent budget. In December 2015, I reached out to the Furniture Trust as a not-for-profit and we immediately established a relationship that has helped us tremendously in updating the senior center. The donation that really launched the overall redesign was the 12 chairs donated to the new computer room. Just before Christmas 2015, we received a call from the Office of Government Surplus. They had a donation of computer desks that, if we were able to pick up that week, we could have. We recruited several volunteers, rented a truck and made our way to Boston to pick up the desks. Staff and volunteers then donated time to help us paint the outdated 1950s elementary school room that would be the new computer room. To complete the "new to us" computer room, we really needed chairs and The Furniture Trust truly saved the day with a donation of 12 very nice office chairs from a business that had recently closed. The only problem with having such a nice new computer room was that in comparison, we saw how outdated all the other rooms were. So we have updated rooms one by one, by working with the Furniture Trust for updated furniture and volunteer organizations to paint. While we are still not finished updating, we are very proud of the work we have done to date. None of the improvements would be possible without the kind hearted people and the cause of The Furniture Trust, who has been very generous, and we couldn't be more thankful."

~Karen Johnston, Weymouth Elder Services

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"The Furniture Trust is part of the Epiphany family's collective success. Like the many organizations you support, we fulfill an audacious mission on an austere budget.

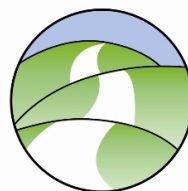
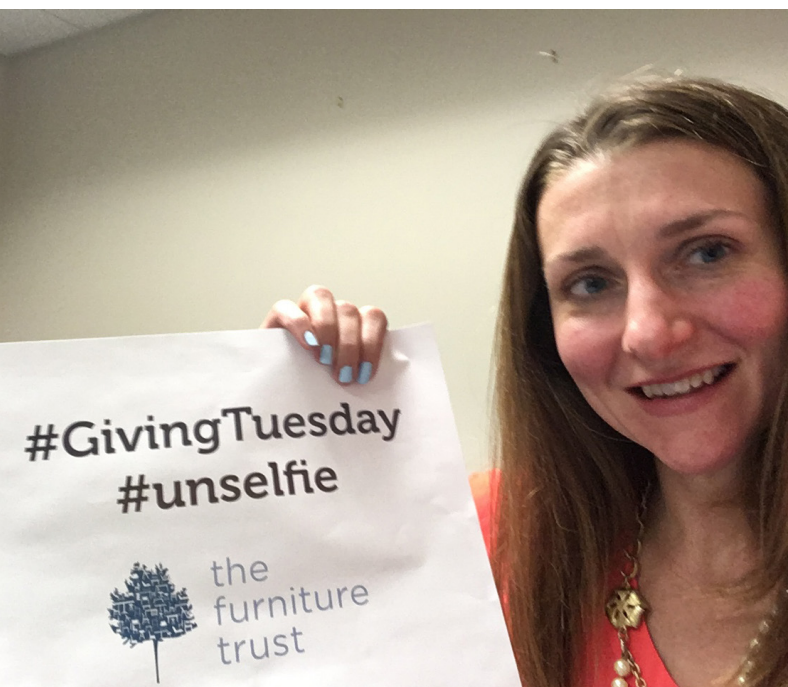
Thanks to the support of partners like The Furniture Trust (TFT), we are able to provide a first-rate, tuition-free education to economically disadvantaged children and children who have been abused and neglected. We are a school community that "never gives up on a child," so our Graduate Support Program (GSP) allows us to stick with our graduates during high school, college and into the workforce. The furniture you donated to our new GSP office provides a space for our graduates to eat dinner, meet with a mentor or tutor, or reconnect with old friends. (Our "unselfie" shows two recent Epiphany grads seated at a TFT table). Due in large part to the sense of connectedness we develop and nurture with each student and family, for 20 years we have seen our graduates consistently defy the odds with strong long-term outcomes. For example, of our most recent class of high school graduates 90% just entered college and 10% are enrolled in effective vocational or technical education programs.

The Furniture Trust's contributions not only provide needed capital support, but also enable us to attract and retain highly-qualified staff, provide diverse learning experiences for our students and graduates, and offer the robust support services our students and families need.

Thank you so much for what you do for organizations like Epiphany. You are truly making a huge impact in our community!"

~Esinam Quarcoo
Associate Director for Corporation & Foundation
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Epiphany School

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ROAD TO RESPONSIBILITY MAKING LIVES BETTER.

"The Furniture Trust has been incredibly helpful to Road To Responsibility. We serve adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities -- we provide a home, a job, therapeutic services, and a community for more than 1000 people in the South Shore and South Coast. We recently moved into a new site in Taunton -- this site helps individuals prepare for employment and help them integrate into the community. The Furniture Trust completely outfitted our site with much needed furniture for our offices and classrooms. Our individuals have a beautiful new space with amazing furniture -- they are busily engaged in the classroom, and are preparing for new and exciting opportunities thanks to The Furniture Trust."

~Serenity Belo
Road to Responsibility

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