

RE-ZY project (formerly Move Out)

Project Summary

RE-ZY (Reuse Made Easy) is a developing non-profit organization that makes donating a more viable option for students leaving town at the end of each semester by providing convenient collection sites for gently used household goods, clothing, furniture, and unopened, nonperishable food. Students living in University of Idaho fraternities, sororities, residence halls, and one off-campus apartment complex donated more than five tons of reusable items that would have otherwise ended up in the trash last spring semester! Over 400 volunteer hours were spent marketing the program, setting up collection sites, sorting donations, distributing food to three area food banks, and organizing a yard sale.

Grant Report

The \$2,000 grant from The Circle allowed us to purchase clothing racks, hangers, rolling storage bins, tarps, and rope; these supplies are used during RE-ZY yard sales. We were also able to use some of the grant money to rent a U-Haul truck and 20 tables to be used during the yard sales, any remaining money went to our generous volunteers as gas reimbursement. With the Circle grant RE-ZY has been able to purchase the equipment needed to raise our own funds through yard sale donations giving the program an opportunity to operate independently for years to come.

Volunteer Opportunities

RE-ZY is able to pay people interested in helping the project continue by contributing time when man hours are needed. This would be an excellent fund raiser for groups and organizations wanting to make some money and make a difference. Helpers will be needed at the end of each U of I semester to help manage collection sites, sort donations, and deliver goods to food banks and the like. Yard sales are another opportunity for RE-ZY helpers during the summer. Helpers often find unique treasures as they are the first to sort through collected items. You can get on the volunteer list by emailing rezy.online@gmail.com.

Wish List

- 1) Volunteer Coordinator (Priceless!)
- 2) Permanent storage site, at least 1500 sq ft. (\$800/mo)
- 3) Permanent Manager (Priceless!)
- 4) 1-4 moving vans \$2500-\$15,000
- 5) Volunteer to finalize non-profit status