

## LOUISBURG COLLEGE NEWS RELEASE

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### COLLEGE'S RECYCLING PROGRAM SAVES MONEY AND SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY

Louisburg, NC — By recycling items that were formerly thrown in dumpsters by students at the end of the academic year, Louisburg College's Project RE:SCUE (Reuse Everything: Save the College's Usable Excess) allowed the institution to divert usable items to those in need and simultaneously save money on trash-hauling costs.

“As a good steward of the environment and in support of that responsibility, Project RE:SCURE diverted nearly one ton of reusable items from a one-way trip to the landfill,” says Terrie Blumenauer, the College's environmental and safety manager.



Blumenauer implemented Project RE:SCUE during the last few weeks of the 2012 spring semester. Students were asked to place any items they planned to leave behind in the collection boxes in their dorm halls. The College's housekeeping staff and volunteers sifted through and organized the piles of books, dishes, utensils, clothing, clocks, lamps, shelving, racks, mirrors, and radios. The team then delivered the items to Safe Space Thrift, a non-profit organization established to assist

domestic violence victims and their children.

Established in 1995, Safe Space, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides assistance to domestic violence victims and their children. The mission of Safe Space is to reduce relationship violence in Franklin County and adjacent communities. The organization offers court advocacy services, shelter, resource referrals, support groups, children's advocacy, community education, and sexual assault advocacy. Safe Space has had a long-

standing relationship with the College, often working together with Fonda Porter, the College's director of counseling services and Safe Space's founding executive director. "The outstanding efforts of Deborah Berry, our director of janitorial services, and the Louisburg College housekeeping staff and the organizational efforts of Terrie Blumenauer made this effort possible," says Porter. "Deborah and Terrie saw an opportunity to help and took action. We will look forward to making the same effort next year."

In 2003, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized RESCUE as a "best management practice" and included it in a catalog of other such practices on its website. The catalog was designed to help institutions with pollution prevention, resource conservation, and environmental stewardship.

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