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2025

MISSION

The Free Store is a one-stop shop for donations by the University of Ottawa community (students, staff and alumni). It functions as a “thrift store” where everything is free for uOttawa community members.

By creating a space where anyone can drop off and pick up stuff for free, we hope to reduce consumption. We want to make sure that items have a second chance to be used before they go to the landfill or off for recycling.

This is an important program that supports uOttawa’s goal of becoming a zero-waste campus.



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FREE STORE**

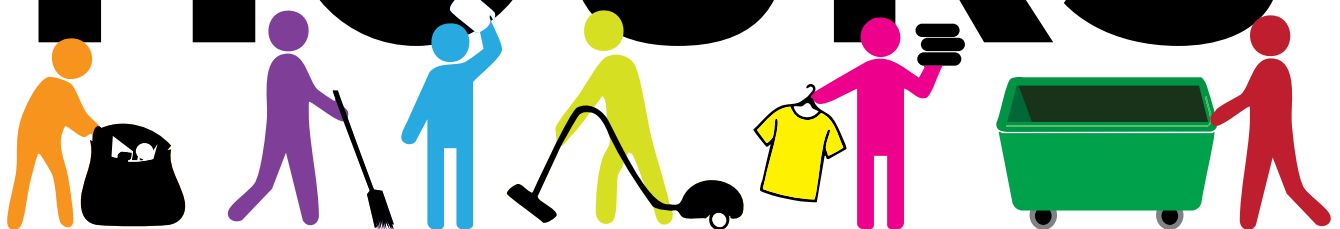
Volunteers and visitors

197 volunteers...

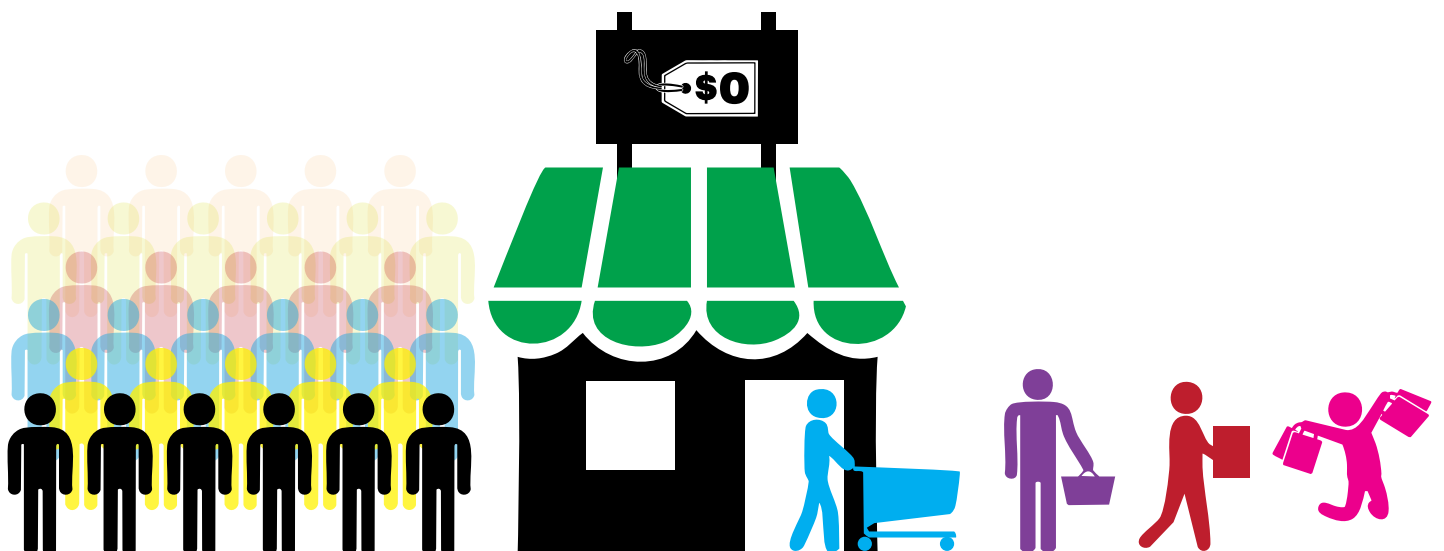


...contributed...

1,100 HOURS

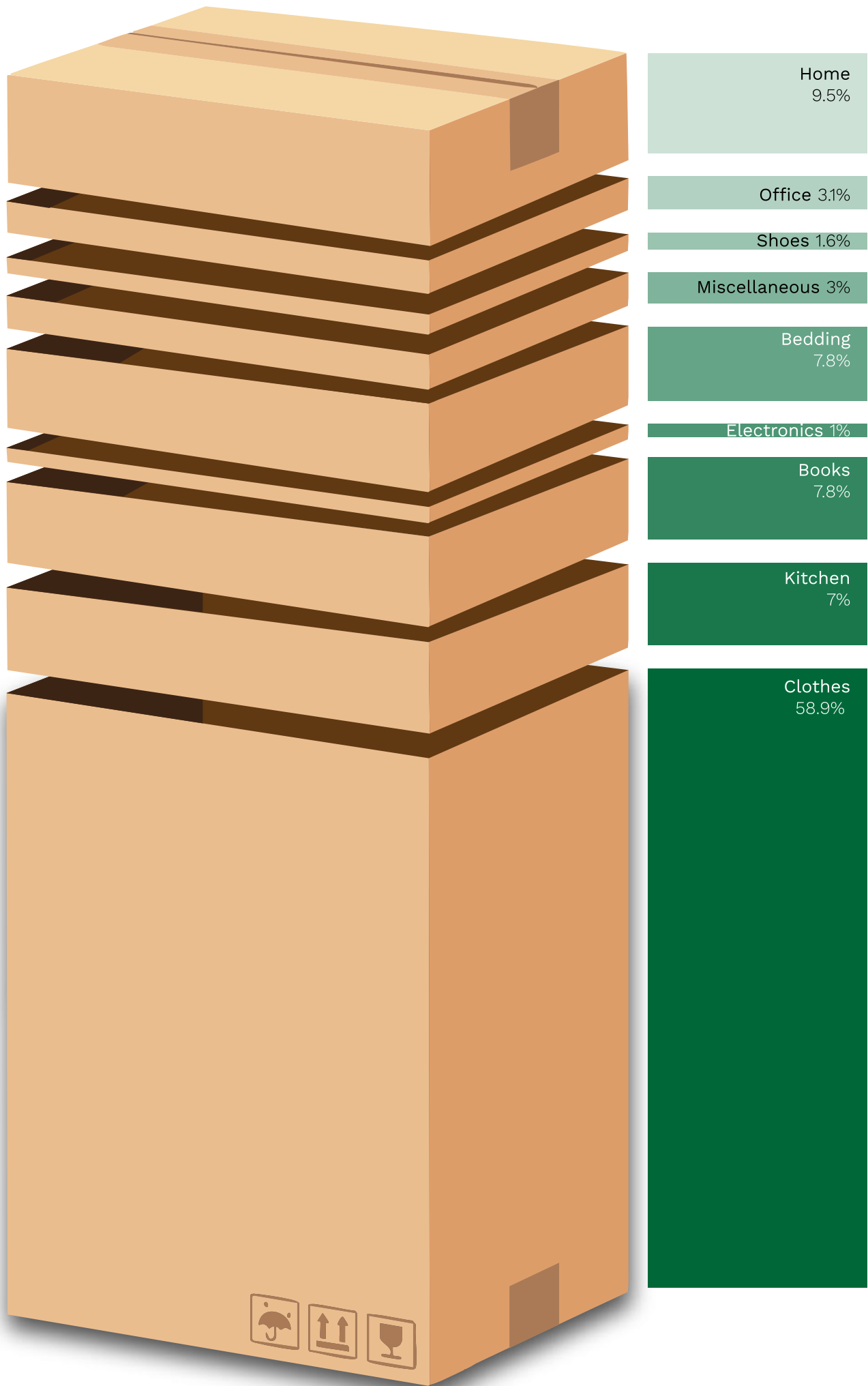


...to serve the 10,000 visitors to the Free Store.



Donation breakdown for 2025

Each year, the uOttawa Free Store receives thousands of kilograms of material donations from the community. Clothing is the largest category of materials donated.



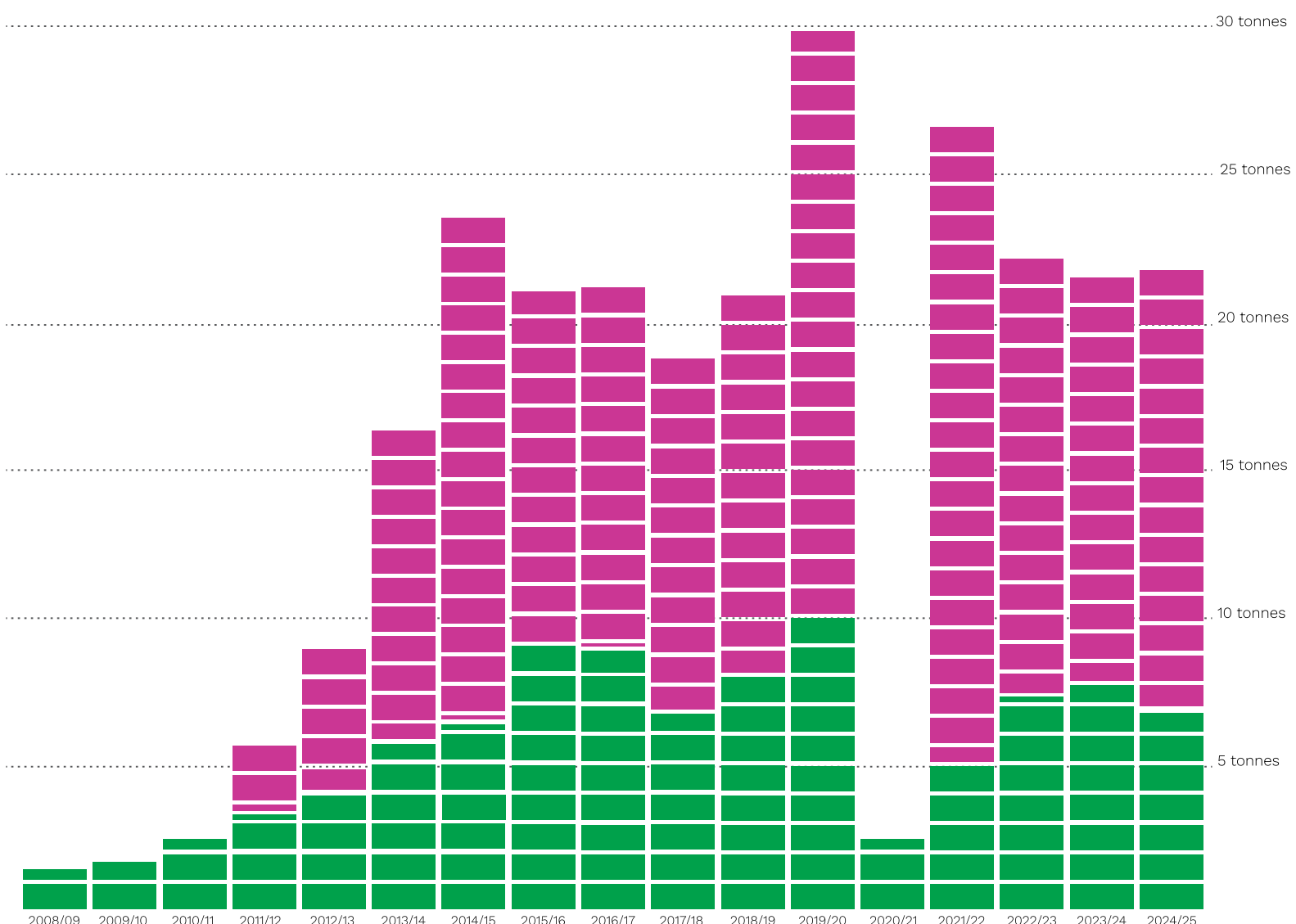
2022
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2024

\$1,615,904

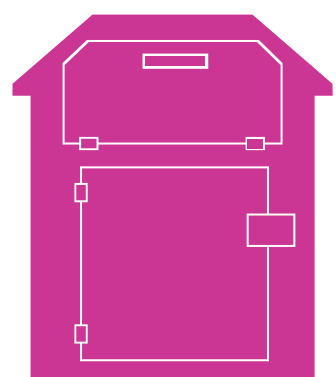


246.71

tonnes of donations collected since 2008



Dump & Run
donations



Free Store
donations

Community service learning and events

**ADMIT
ONE** ★

★ **Free Store
pop-up:**
Winter
Welcome

★ **Free Store tour**
with Dalhousie
University

★ **Alternative
Student
Break**

★ **Free Store
pop-up:**
Sustainable
Development
Goals Week

★ **Free Store tour**
with Carleton
University

★ **Free Store
pop-up:**
University of
Ottawa Student
Union

★ **Free Store
pop-up:**
Fall 101 Week

★ **Free Store
pop-up:**
Campus
Sustainability Day

17
courses
engaged

36
Community
Service
Learning
participants

4
Days of
waste audits

1,080
Hours of service
learning

The **Free Store** works with faculties and departments to offer a living laboratory experience. Participants learn about the social and environmental impacts of consumerism.

Charity donations

The Free Store receives so many materials that we work with local charities and organizations to distribute some to those who need them most.

15

charities and organizations



539

kilograms of donations



+

86

bags of donations



+

18

boxes of donations





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