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Making Empty Houses Homes



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Houston Furniture Bank



Why HFB?	High Impact	Sustainability	Mattress Recycle / Refurbish
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- ✓ High Impact
- ✓ Sustainability
- ✓ Mattress Recycling & Refurbishing

Why HFB?



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High Impact

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- Federal & State housing assistance usually does not include furnishings.
- Agencies & Nonprofit Organizations that provide housing options lack resources to provide furnishings.
 - Cost
 - Ability to Collect
 - Storage
 - Distribution
 - Overall Logistics



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- More than 500,000 people in the Houston and surrounding areas do not have a place to:
 - Sit
 - Eat
 - Sleep

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HFB Solution

- Collect Furniture
 - Individuals
 - Organizations
 - Businesses
- Distribute Furniture
 - Over 80 Partner Agencies & Nonprofit Organizations
 - Disaster Assistance
 - Special Assistance Projects

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Social Impact

- Current HFB Services
 - Each month 150 families receive furnishings from HFB
 - Since 1992 – Over 23,000 families served
 - Major impact for organizations who's mission involves working with the less fortunate
- Additional Social Benefit
 - Create Jobs for 'hard to employ' including ex convicts and people ending their homelessness.
 - Work with local probations department.
 - Train and employ individuals that completed serving time.



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Environmental Impact

- Furniture & Mattresses
 - Keep out of dumpsters and ultimately out of the landfills.
 - Furniture being repaired and/or repurposed
 - Reusable mattress and Box springs are refurbished according to State Health Department regulations and put back out into the marketplace as affordable reconditioned mattresses.
 - Unusable mattresses are deconstructed and components sold in the recycle marketplace.

Estimates are - over 600,000 mattresses and box springs are discarded in the Houston area each year. It takes more than 16,000,000 cubic feet of landfill space each year costing the city and ultimately citizens millions of dollars every year.



Sustainability



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HFB – Social Business Model

- Houston Furniture Bank
 - Furniture Outlet Center - Ongoing
 - Mattress Recycling & Refurbishing - Ongoing
 - Furniture Manufacturing (2016)



Mattress Recycling



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Mattress Recycling & Repurposing

- Getting Started
- Partnerships
- Creating Jobs for “Hard to Employ”
- The Numbers

Mattress Recycling



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Getting Started

- Support
 - Board Members / Stake Holders
 - Community / Volunteers
 - Local Authorities
- Business Assets
 - Space
 - Health Department License
 - Equipment
 - Product Flow

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Partnerships

- Local Authorities
- Local Businesses
- Educational Institutions
- Volunteer Groups
- Local Probation Department

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Creating Jobs

- Creating Jobs for “Hard to Employ”
 - Ex-Cons
 - Newly Housed Homeless
 - Non-permanent

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The Numbers

- Cost of Production
 - Spreadsheet
- Revenue From Component Parts
 - Spreadsheet



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