

# FSU students donate tons of clothing, housewares and food

Chuck it for Charity rakes in goods for 21 organizations

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One student's trash might be another person's treasure — or at least a much-needed item.

This past spring, Florida State University's Chuck it for Charity initiative collected almost 15 tons of items for over 21

local charities. This brings the total to about 58 tons of items donated since the program was implemented five years ago.

Students living on campus were encouraged to donate their unwanted items to the collection bins located in the residence halls at the end of spring semester while moving out. Students off campus were encouraged to donate as well, with other bins located across campus, including sorority houses, campus ministries, the Dunlap building and the Oglesby

Union.

With the help of both FSU's Housing and Residence Life and Solid Waste and Recycling, Chuck it for Charity was able to donate 12,636 pounds of housewares, 8,240 pounds of clothes, and 3,105 pounds of food, among many other items, to charities including Big Brothers Big Sisters, Brehon House, Second Harvest and the Leon County Humane Society.

"It's amazing," said Carly Sinnadurai, executive director of The Sharing Tree, where

teachers are provided with free school supplies. "It's one of my favorite donations all year. It's super helpful for small organizations like us."

Chuck it for Charity donated art and school supplies to The Sharing Tree including paint, canvas, bulletin boards, glue and fabric.

"I think I loaded up my vehicle about four or five times within a two-day period," Sinnadurai said. "A lot of it was really nice stuff."

Shelby Bush, volunteer at

Goose Creek Wildlife and zookeeper at the Tallahassee Museum, says that both organizations received miscellaneous items from Chuck it for Charity, including a microwave, dry erase board, towels and Rubbermaid bins at Goose Creek, and a blender and mirrors at the Tallahassee Museum.

"There weren't any animal-specific items this year, so we took some miscellaneous stuff here and there," Bush said.

Other items included books, cleaning supplies and toiletries.