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About Building Value

Building Value LLC is a nonprofit building materials re-use enterprise founded in 2004 by Easter Seals Work Resource Center. Building Value salvages quality building materials otherwise destined for the landfill and resells them in a public retail outlet. The enterprise provides on-the-job training opportunities in construction and retail.

A social enterprise of Easter Seals WRC, Building Value changes lives and realizes the potential of individuals with disabilities and life disadvantages through employment.

Recycling, Re-use and Training

- To date, more than **5,000 tons of material have been diverted from area landfills** through recycling or re-use. (More than 1,000 tons each year)
- Remodelers, builders, businesses, property owners and others **donate building materials** for a tax deduction.
- Building Value offers **deconstruction services**, which is the manual removal of materials from a building before it is remodeled, demolished or rebuilt. Deconstruction is an exact process and offers many benefits including:
 - diverting materials from the landfill,
 - contributing to acquiring **LEED** points
 - saving money by a tax-deduction and lower landfill disposal fees
 - salvage of quality architectural antiques, and
 - providing job-training opportunities for Building Value participants.
- Open to the public, donated materials are re-sold at the **Building Value retail outlet** at 2901 Gilbert Avenue.
- To date, more than **150 individuals with disabilities and workforce disadvantages** have received the unique opportunity to gain hands-on experience and employment in the areas of retail and construction.

Moving to Northside

- Building Value's entrance into full-structure deconstruction and the recent upturn in green initiatives has made the need for larger, more prominent space crucial.
- In **October 2009**, Building Value will relocate to the Northside neighborhood at **4040 Spring Grove Ave.**

Building Value Success

- **2005** - Building Value named Best of the City by Cincinnati Magazine
- **2006** - Building Value receives Environmental Award from Greater Cincinnati Environment Coalition.
- **2007** - Building Value trainee Tabitha Smith-Moran places fourth of 80 in selective electrician apprenticeship program.
- **2007** - Building Ability formally established to reuse donated materials by providing training for Easter Seals WRC participants with disabilities.
- **2008** - Ceiling tiles salvaged from The Christ Hospital were purchased and reused by Emersion Design to achieve Cincinnati's first LEED Platinum office expansion.
- **2008** - Banisters purchased at Building Value will be included in Lavomatic Restaurant and Wine Bar in Over the Rhine.
- **2008** - Building Value updates its brand to more fully reflect its environmental mission.
- **2009** - Building Value deconstruction completes its first full-structure deconstruction by removing an Indian Hill horse barn.