



FURNITURE SHAREHOUSE

WESTCHESTER'S FURNITURE BANK

FURNISHING HOMES WITH HOPE AND DIGNITY

FURNITURE SHAREHOUSE REACHES MAJOR MILESTONES FURNISHING HOMES IN NEED IN ITS 18TH YEAR OF OPERATION

- **18,000 CLIENTS SERVED**
- **100,000 ITEMS OF FURNITURE DISTRIBUTED**
- **\$6 MILLION WORTH OF FURNITURE GIVEN FOR FREE**

September 4, 2024, Westchester County... Furniture Sharehouse announced today that in its 18th year of operation, it has officially served 18,000 clients and distributed 100,000 items of furniture representing \$6 million worth of furniture given away for free to those in need. Furniture Sharehouse, Westchester County's only furniture bank, recognizes these major milestones in helping furnish struggling homes as evidence of the organization's impact as well as the continued need in Westchester County.

"We take great pride and happiness in knowing that we have helped so many of our Westchester neighbors rebuild their lives after overcoming dire personal circumstances like homelessness, natural disaster, domestic violence," says Kate Bialo, Executive Director of Furniture Sharehouse. "Furniture poverty is a discouraging and draining way to live, affecting self-esteem, productivity, and mental health for adults and their children. Furniture provides the building blocks to start a new life after personal hardship. Our institutional milestones reflect the continued need in the community and the incredible generosity of our furniture and financial donors, member agencies, and volunteers."

Since 2007, Furniture Sharehouse has provided free furniture to economically disadvantaged individuals and families living in Westchester County. Furniture Sharehouse connects donations of gently used furniture from local residents with those living in furniture poverty. Additionally, by connecting used furniture with those in need, Furniture Sharehouse keeps thousands of pounds of bulk out of the waste stream.

Requests for furniture for families and individuals struggling to afford to furnish empty homes has increased by 30% in the last year alone. Furniture Sharehouse furnishes between 8 to 12 homes per week and also raises funds to purchase brand new children's beds, cribs, and bedding through its annual Beds for Kids campaign.

Furniture Sharehouse celebrated its 18,000th Client and 100,000th Item of Furniture with mini-celebrations at its warehouse earlier in the summer, and will mark its \$6 Million Worth Milestone in the form of a stunning contemporary furniture vignette which will be raffled off in a special drawing for the organization's nearly 50 member service agencies. One lucky agency will win the entire vignette to give to a client of their choosing. Drawing to be held in a special event on September 24 at the warehouse located at Westchester County Airport.

For information about donating furniture, visit www.furnituresharehouse.org

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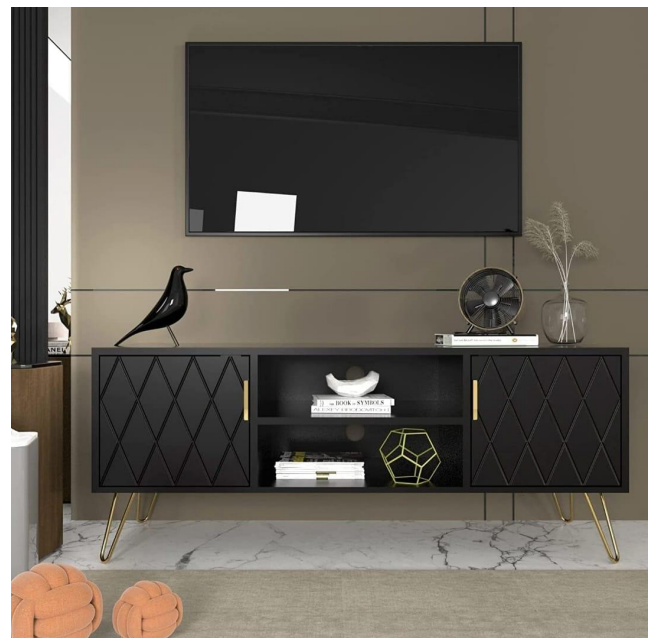
Furniture Sharehouse Milestone Images Hi-res Jpegs available upon request

Top Row Left: Our 18,000th client is a young mom referred to Furniture Sharehouse by Community Housing Innovations, shown here with FS Executive Director Kate Bialo

Top Row Right: Our clients who received the 100,000th item of furniture is a formerly homeless family based in New Rochelle referred to FS by Choice of NY

Bottom Row Left: This beautiful bed and bedding is the 100,000th item of furniture donated by Furniture Sharehouse

Bottom Row Right: A sneak peek at part of the fabulous Vignette that marks \$6 million worth of furniture given for free. The Vignette will be raffled to one lucky member agency at a special drawing at Furniture Sharehouse on September 24.



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