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**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**Reference: Thompson Rivers University Habitat for Humanity Recycling Project  
Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education STARS Verification**

**Dear Sir/Madam**

The more organizations work together the stronger and more diversified the relationship. Such is the case with TRU, Habitat for Humanity Kamloops and The ReStore. It all started, a few years ago with small donations of excess and unwanted desks, chairs, etc., to using our build sites as a training practicum for their Trades & Technology students. We soon learned how much more we could help each other and help other members of the community.

The role of The Restore is to earn money to help Habitat Kamloops build more affordable homes for those who would otherwise never be able to afford them. In Kamloops, The ReStore has made it a mission to educate builders to NOT throw away partly used material, or when deconstructing or demolishing to recycle & divert from the landfill, cabinets, fixtures, doors, etc. anything that might be useful to someone else, by donating them to The ReStore for resale to the public.

Recently TRU did an extensive renovation which included dismantling and disposing of a large number of workstations. The ReStore couldn't resell the fabric clad divider panels but by dismantling them the metal could be sold to a metal recycler. Tapping into the community connections, the fabric panels were donated to a local Church as soundproofing for the walls of their church hall. Nothing was wasted!

The ecology benefitted from the diversion from the landfill, Habitat benefitted from the revenue generated, and the volunteers were able to participate in a fellowship event with the cultural society (who participated in stripping the panels), and helping another community Church organization. While the principles can be applied to any recycling effort, it takes the commitment from the people involved to make it happen. TRU can be credited with making this happen because they believe strongly in recycling and helping their community, in ways that are unique and quite extraordinary.

Yours truly,

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