## Ecoship – An Organization in Chicago Leading the Way on Reuse By Nihal Dantluri, Local 600 Digital Utility

<u>Ecoship</u> is a sustainability non-profit that is run by volunteers in Chicago. Their goal is to divert waste from landfills that comes from packing materials. Unfortunately, waste from shipping materials is quite prevalent during the holiday season, so the Local 600 Sustainability Committee wants to highlight Ecoship for their fantastic contributions to the Chicago community in terms of reuse.

Ecoship collects gently-used packaging materials, sorts them, and gives them away for free to local businesses and individuals. Last year alone, Ecoship collected over 29,000 cubic gallons of materials and gave them away for free to over 250 businesses and people in Chicago!

Ecoship collects materials at farmers markets and other various drop-off points throughout the city. They also accept drop-offs by appointment for those wanting to drop off larger quantities of packing materials.

Community-driven reuse has the potential to benefit all parties involved, and the Local 600 Sustainability Committee is inspired by the great work that Ecoship is doing. Our Chicago members are hard at work to try and integrate Ecoship drop-off points at Production Offices around town.

If you're interested in checking out the work that <u>Ecoship</u> has done, as well as their mission, check that out here.

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The founders of Ecoship are also <u>raising funds</u> for a dedicated vehicle to be able to increase the amount of donation points they can have.