

ROMEORVILLE REPAIR CAFÉ

Joliet Junior College

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REPAIR CAFE
From busted to beautiful! Toss it? No way!

Visit repaircafe.org/en for more information.



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- ~30 Volunteers per event
 - Fixers and Helpers
- 6 Stations
 - Textiles
 - Electronics
 - Small Furniture Misc
 - Ceramics
 - Jewelry
 - Bicycles
- Report using RepairMonitor online
- Twice a year in April and October

LAYING THE GROUNDWORK



Finding Support from JJC

- Campus Sustainability Intern coordinates organizing and outreach
- Corporate and Community Services offered support and connection to the JJC Foundation
- Co-organizers
 - OOS: Ash Klinder, Maria Anna Rafac
 - Dean Stephanie Braun
- Approval from JJC Legal Team December 2023!

LAYING THE GROUND WORK



Donors

- Alumni Relations seed money
- QR code to donate located on all websites
- Donor perks
 - Names listed on the website for any dollar amount
 - Included on Donor Thank You at snack table and entrance
 - Included on print marketing with high enough donation



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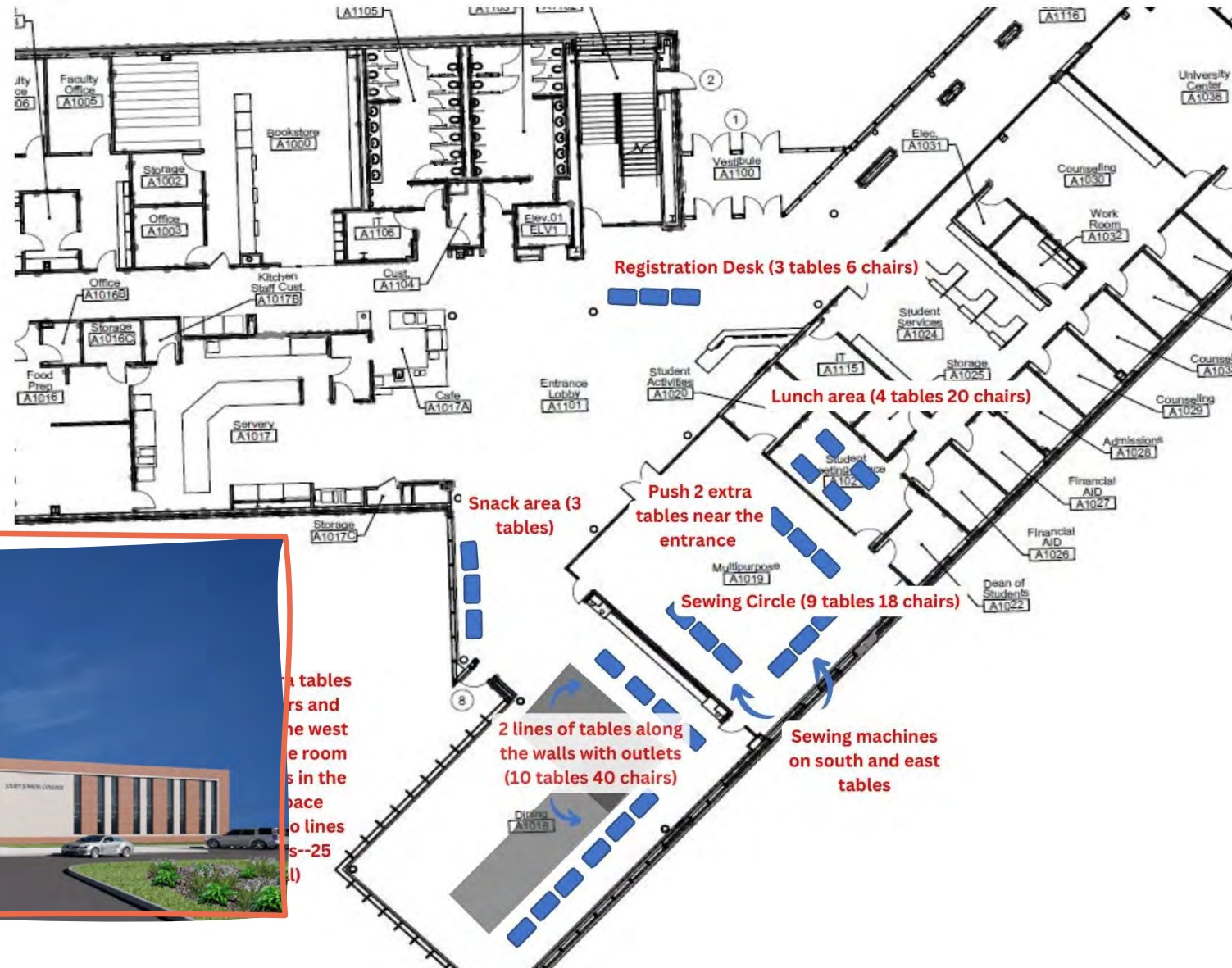
Facility

- Romeoville North Campus
 - Multiple rooms for repair stations with waiting area, lounge, sewing room, volunteer break room
- Kids space
- Snack table
 - Free coffee and donuts
 - Thank you to the Donors sign



Romeoville North Campus

Event Layout



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Marketing

- Flyers and other promotional material were created by JJC marketing and Office of Sustainability
 - Promoting the event and volunteer outreach
- External marketing through AM Radio: WJOL, Herald News, and JJC's school social media followings

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FIXERS AND HELPERS

There's a difference!

Fixers: They're fixin' stuff!

- Bring in their own tools
 - Reimbursed for materials as they are logged (let us know before what you are using before)
- Teaching volunteers when they can

Helpers: Helping the Fixers, coordinators, and attendees!

- Helping make sure guests and volunteers have what they need!

OUR STORY

- 22 volunteers attended Busted to Beautiful to Beautiful and helped 25 participants (and brought their own items)
- 46 items were brought in and 38 were fixed for an 82.6% success rate



Bring your broken items for free repairs courtesy of community volunteers!

Items include:

- Clothing & blankets
- Lamps & clocks
- Toasters & vacuums
- Ceramics
- Jewelry
- Bicycles



Joliet Junior College

Main Campus

Lower J building on Saturday

Oct. 21, 10:00 - 2:00 p.m.



Contact ashley.klinder@jjc.edu or scan the QR for more details



OUR STORY

- Student Sustainability Intern Ash visited Oak Park Repair Café and met the organizer, Mac Robinet.
- JJC's Sustainability Union had a community repair event pilot called "Busted to Beautiful" on International Repair Day, October 21, 2023. Oak Park even came to help!



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Bring in your broken items and not only get them fixed, but also learn how to do it yourself!

**Saturday
April 12
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Joliet Junior College Romeoville Campus
1125 West Romeo Road • Romeoville, IL 60446

To learn more about Repair Café, visit repaircafe.org or scan



Repair stations available for*:

- Electrical appliances
- Clothing & textiles
- Small furniture & household items
- Bicycles & carts
- Simple repairs with glue, string & tape
- Jewelry
- Miscellaneous toys & other wireless items

*Repair services are based on availability of items and are not guaranteed, please reserve an appointment online to guarantee a spot. No alterations or rebuilds.

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- JJC became an official Repair Café appearing on the organization's international registry in December 2023 at JJC's North Campus in Romeoville, IL. We are committed to 2 events a year.
- We are the 5th Repair Café in the state.
- The first official *Romeoville Repair Café* was April 13, 2024 from 10:00 – 3:00 pm
- Bi-annual in April and October

OUR STORY

- 60 volunteers have helped over 200 participants!
- 241 items have been brought in with a 71% success rate.

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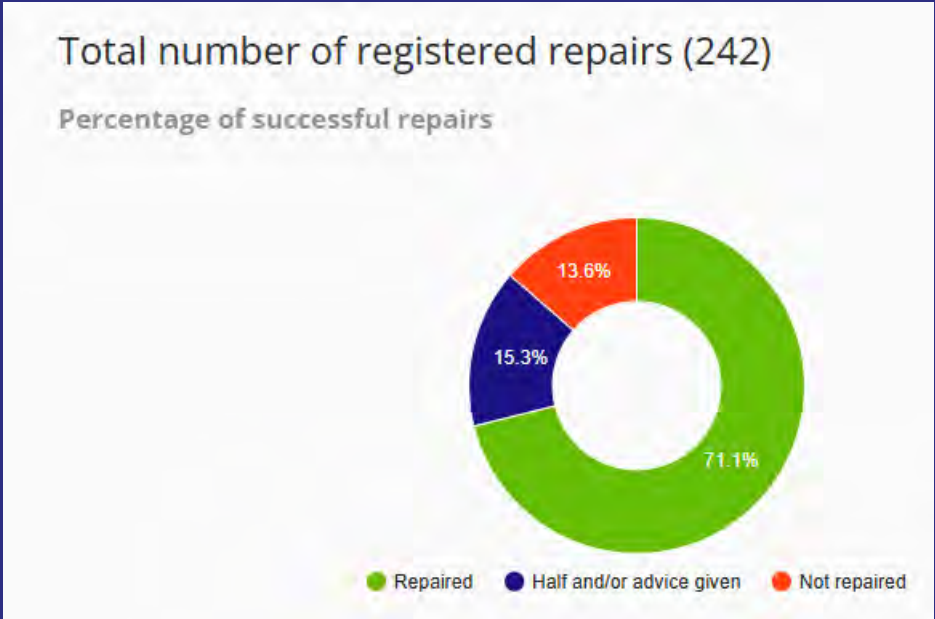
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Product	Repairs	Repaired	Half	Not
1. Trousers / pants	16	87,5 %	6,3 %	6,3 %
2. Necklace / Chain	12	58,3 %	33,3 %	8,3 %
3. Bracelet	11	90,9 %	0 %	9,1 %
4. Bicycle / Bike	9	77,8 %	22,2 %	0 %
5. Ceramics / glass object	8	75 %	0 %	25 %
6. Jewelry	8	100 %	0 %	0 %
7. Coat / Jacket	7	100 %	0 %	0 %
8. T-shirt / Shirt	7	85,7 %	14,3 %	0 %
9. Table lamp	6	66,7 %	16,7 %	16,7 %
10. Jeans	5	80 %	0 %	20 %
11. Radio / CD player	4	50 %	25 %	25 %
12. Shoes	3	33,3 %	0 %	66,7 %
13. Fan	3	100 %	0 %	0 %
14. Cushion / pillow	3	100 %	0 %	0 %
15. Mountain bike	3	66,7 %	33,3 %	0 %





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ELECTRONICS



"I had a great time working with my fellow repair people. It was very nice meeting and helping the people who brought in appliances to be repaired. The whole day went by very fast. I guess time flies when you are having fun." Peter Kiefert, Retired JJC Faculty, Fixer





**“Absolutely great time!”
Nick Alexander, JJC Student, Fixer**



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JEWELRY



“Being involved with JJC’s Repair Cafe as a repair volunteer allowed me to step into a realm of possibility, as seen through the lens of passionate college students.”

“If rethinking how we relate to the objects in our everyday lives is in the hands of innovative, creative and intelligent minds like theirs...rest assured world! A sustainable future *will* happen.”
Elise Kendrot, JJC Community, Fixer



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BICYCLES





"The Repair Café is such a beneficial event. We all have items that break or wear down that we wish could have just a little more life, and the Repair Café makes that possible. I didn't really know what to expect walking in, but it was organized well and by the type of project the item was, such clothing or electronics." Yolanda Zenawick, JJC Faculty participant

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TEXTILES & CLOTHES



“Sustainability Union is using Repair cafe to call for the JJC community to act more sustainable and hold onto the right to repair items that they already own.” Ryan Queeney, JJC Student Trustee, Fixer





**“I don’t
want to
add to
landfills.”
Sam Bretz,
JJC Alumni
participant**



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CERAMICS



“This opportunity is so valuable to create alternatives to throwing items away. We have so few models of what to do with items that need repair. This was a real chance to change student and community attitudes and behaviors.”

**Margot Underwood,
JJC Faculty, Helper**



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SMALL FURNITURE & MISCELLANEOUS



“I was very much impressed with my first participation!!! I was amazed at the number of people who worked the various stations, those who brought items to be fixed, and most importantly, how many were fixed at the delight of their owners!!!!” Pat Asher, Retired JJC Faculty, Fixer



“I was amazed at the dedication and teaching the younger people who were learning. We use our chair all the time and I am very very grateful.” Wendy Benebenek, JJC Community participant



Next Romeoville Repair Café
Saturday, October 18th 10:00 – 3:00
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THANK YOU!

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