



Connected Tennessee Announces Donation of Computers to the Bogota Community Center

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Computers 4 Kids and AT&T donate new Dell computers to the community of Bogota

Bogota, TN – Today Connected Tennessee's Computers 4 KidsSM program joined forces with AT&T to announce the donation of brand new Dell computers to the Bogota Community Center. Computers 4 Kids (C4K) is an innovative project designed to positively impact the future of disadvantaged children in Tennessee by distributing computers to children and families facing economic challenges, in the foster care system or that struggle with behavioral disorders and other issues. C4K is also enriching the educational landscape of Tennessee's communities by placing computer labs in non-profit organizations that work to enhance the lives of children and families in their area.

Three brand new Dell computers and a printer were donated to the community center. State Representative Judy Barker, on hand to show her support for C4K, remarked that the impact of the computers would be significant.

"Thanks to AT&T and Computers 4 Kids, youth in this community who wouldn't otherwise have access to a computer are now going to have a world of opportunities right at their fingertips," remarked Representative Barker. "By providing our youth with these computers, we are not just providing them with a tool, we are saying that we have confidence in them to be successful."

Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris expressed his support of the program in a statement: "The opportunities afforded to these deserving youth through the Computers 4 Kids program are virtually immeasurable. This contribution will serve to help our community give these kids access to the Internet and its many educational resources."

Today's donation was made possible by a grant from the AT&T Foundation, a group whose mission to place technology in the hands of Tennessee's youth closely matches that of Connected Tennessee's.

"We are pleased to provide our support for the Computer 4 Kids program and its good work in the community of Bogota," said Gregg Morton, president of AT&T Tennessee. "At AT&T we believe in working with our local communities to invest in our children; providing them with the technology, skills and training to thrive and prosper in the modern economy."

To date, the Computers 4 Kids program has distributed more than 2,000 computers statewide.

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About Connected Tennessee: *As a public-private partnership, Connected Tennessee partners with technology-minded businesses, government entities and universities to accelerate technology in the state. For more information about what Connected Tennessee is doing to accelerate technology in Tennessee's communities, visit www.connectedtennessee.org.*

About Computers 4 Kids: *Computers 4 Kids, an innovative project funded by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, is designed to positively impact the future of disadvantaged children in Tennessee by distributing computers to children and families facing economic challenges, in the foster care system or that struggle with behavioral disorders and other issues. Through C4K, Connected Tennessee will award at least 3,000 computers over a three year period to children and families in need across Tennessee.*

About Philanthropy at AT&T: *For 25 years, AT&T and the AT&T Foundation have been committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. Through its philanthropic initiatives and partnerships, AT&T supports projects that create learning opportunities; promote academic and economic achievement; and address community needs. As the AT&T Foundation celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2009, more than \$160 million was contributed through corporate-, employee- and AT&T Foundation-giving programs in 2008 alone.*