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## **Cayce Homes center to get new computers**

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Residents of the James A. Cayce Homes public housing development in East Nashville will soon be able to look for jobs using brand new computers.

On Wednesday, Connected Tennessee's Computers 4 Kids program will present Martha O'Bryan Center's CWA-Cayce Learning Center with 14 computers and two printers, worth more than \$7,000. The donation is part of a grant from the AT&T Foundation and CIBER.

"People make those assumptions that everybody in the universe has an e-mail account. The reality is that probably 90 percent of our population here doesn't know what e-mail is," said Jeff Dotts, the learning center's director.

"We use the computers and the Internet as a means for job searching. It's been a nice way of connecting people who are challenged with resources with access to the rest of the world."

The learning center and Martha O'Bryan Center are located across the street from the housing development. The average annual net income of families the Martha O'Bryan Center serves is less than \$5,000. The center offers a myriad of programs, from after-school activities for kids to computer classes.

The CWA-Cayce Learning Center has a computer lab furnished with donated computers through a federal program, Dotts said. The new lab will be a "massive upgrade of the equipment, which increases our speed and brand new software that's much more intuitive," he said.

The old computers will be distributed to neighbors who expressed interest, he said.

More than 1,000 children and families who struggle economically have benefited from computers provided by the nonprofit Connected Tennessee's Computers 4 Kids program.

The initiative's main goal is to distribute computers to families and children facing money problems, those in the foster care system or struggling with behavioral disorders and other issues.