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Connected Tennessee Computers 4 Kids Program Selected as NASCIO Annual Conference “Give Back” Recipient

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Donations to the Computers 4 Kids program were acquired throughout conference; \$4,200 check presented to Connected Tennessee on Tuesday, September 30

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Nashville, TN – The Connected Tennessee Computers 4 Kids (C4K) program was presented with a \$4,200 check from the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (NASCIO) “Give Back” presentation on Tuesday, September 30, during the NASCIO annual conference in Nashville.

Each year as part of conference festivities, NASCIO chooses a technology non-profit to sponsor in the city of each conference and accepted donations for the Computer 4 Kids program. Connected Tennessee Executive Director Corey Johns received the donation check at the conclusion Tuesday’s keynote.

“We are proud to be selected as the nonprofit organization spotlighted by the NASCIO organization’s “Give Back” program during its annual conference and

would especially like to thank State CIO Mark Bengel for the opportunity to share the mission of Connected Tennessee and to reflect on the accomplishments of the C4K program,” said Johns. “The C4K program has been a tremendous benefit to Tennessee’s disadvantaged youth since 2008 by placing much-needed access to modern technology at their fingertips. We are looking forward to the continued impacts this gracious NASCIO "Give Back" donation will enable as C4K continues to impact the lives of future Tennessee youth.”

Conference attendees also participated in the “Give Back” walk at sunrise Wednesday morning over the John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge, around LP Field and back. There was a good turnout with walkers wearing the t-shirts they received for donating to the C4K program.

From 2010-2013, the Connected Tennessee Computers 4 Kids (C4K) program made an invaluable impact on the lives of thousands of youth by equipping them with computers and computer training to compete and thrive in a technological society.

Last fall, Connected Tennessee produced a video sharing the success of the program: the donation of more than 5,050 computers to Boys & Girls Clubs across the state and to 3,500 foster youth who have aged out of foster care, graduated from high school, and/or exhibited good behavior and received good grades; and the facilitation of 90,000 computer training hours logged as a result of Connected Tennessee’s donations. Our video can be viewed [here](#).

“We understand the ever-changing technological landscape in our towns and communities across the nation require access to computers and training and are humbled to be the catalyst for growth and opportunity for the youth we have served,” said Johns.

Take a look at the C4K/NASCIO presentation photo album on the Connected Tennessee Facebook page [here](#).

In photo: Connected Tennessee Executive Director Corey Johns is presented with a donation of \$4,200 for the Connected Tennessee C4K program by Stu Davis, NASCIO president and CIO for the state of Ohio.

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About Connected Tennessee: *As a public-private partnership, Connected Tennessee joins with technology-minded businesses, government entities, universities and non-profit organizations to improve economic development and*

enhance quality of life by accelerating Tennessee's technology landscape. For maps, research or more information about what Connected Tennessee is doing to expand broadband access, adoption, and use, please visit www.ConnectedTN.org.

About Computers 4 Kids: Preparing Tennessee's Next Generation for Success: Connected Tennessee's Computers 4 Kids project is helping to prepare Tennessee's most vulnerable youth for success by providing them with connectivity. The program promotes economic, career and educational development through the provision of computers and broadband Internet, online technology training, career training, and community awareness that highlights the benefits of technology adoption.

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