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HELPING BREAK THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

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ONE THOUSAND PCs Donated to the community so far this year by TDI Connect!

TDI Connect refurbishes computers donated by businesses and organizations and distributes them free in collaboration with greater Trenton school and community initiatives.

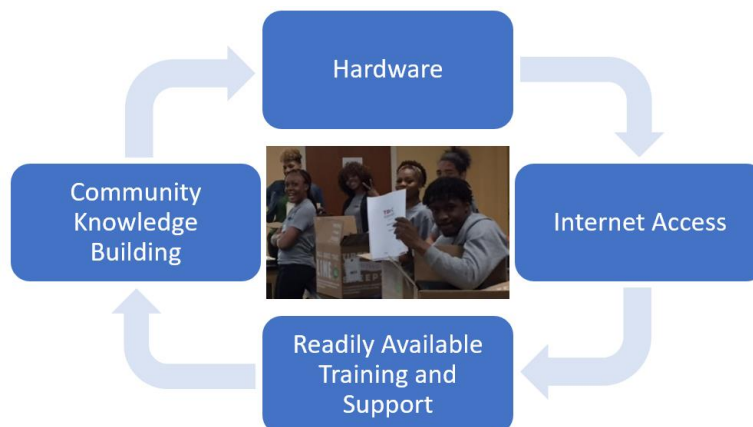
We are thrilled to have distributed over 1,000 PCs to students, families, individuals, and non-profits working to support the community. This includes supporting at least 12 groups this year that have created computer learning centers to deliver community and student programming safely through digital access.

Mark Iorio, Chair of TDI Connect, noted that “we are experiencing a very significant increase in requests for PCs as a result of the COVID19 pandemic. It is wonderful to have worked with so many partners to get 1,000+ PCs to the community, but we need additional donations of 500 laptops and desktops just to meet the requests already received.”

When TDI Connect receives donations of PCs, the PC is refurbished with a new solid state disk drive (SSD) and loaded with open source software so that there are no software licensing issues for the recipients. Standard browsers, graphics and Microsoft Office compatible software are part of the standard setup. “Using the very efficient xUbuntu version of Linux makes the machines perform really well and typically can give the PCs another three to five years of active life” Mark noted.

“We are tremendously appreciative of our all-volunteer team and how they give of their time during this most unusual situation” said Ray Ingram, volunteer coordinator. The volunteers work on fundraising, identifying sources for PC donations and outreach to community groups as well as the physical refurbishment of the donated PCs.

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