Area Head Starts to Benefit From Computer, Printer Donations

Computers 4 Kids, AT&T donation to aid Four Head Start facilities

LEBANON – Several central Kentucky Head Start locations will receive new computers and printers through the ConnectKentucky Computers 4 Kids program.

The distribution will take place at 10 a.m. (ET), August 22 at Lebanon Head Start located in the Central KY Community Action Building at 332 Hood Avenue, Lebanon.

The distribution, made possible by a contribution from AT&T, covers several Central Kentucky Head Start locations:

- 8 new desktop computers (2 each for 4 Head Start facilities in Loretto, Lebanon, Bradfordsville, and Vine Grove)
- 6 new laptop computers (to be used at Head Start locations for people working on their GED or other educational goals)
- 1 network printer for the Lebanon facility
- 3 donated Lexmark printers (1 each for Loretto, Bradfordsville, and Vine Grove)
- $320 subsidy for broadband service for New Haven location

What: Computer, printer distribution

When: Aug. 22, 10 a.m.

Where: Lebanon Head Start located in the Central KY Community Action Building at 332 Hood Avenue, Lebanon

"Central Kentucky Head Start is grateful to receive the brand new computers and Internet services from ConnectKentucky and Computers 4 Kids," said Pamela A. Smith, director of Central Kentucky Community Action, Head Start. "Having the opportunity to offer the latest in information technological education for our students will help us with closing the educational gap and achieving the Head Start and Kentucky School Readiness goals for early childhood. Many of our families would not have access to a computer or the internet. We are planning parent computer programs that include, resume writing, and job search assistance. The computers and internet service can also be used by families that are attending classes and could be supported with a computer."

Among those expected to attend the distribution event is Kentucky Sen. Jimmy Higdon (R-Lebanon).

"Money well spent and special thanks to ConnectKentucky and AT&T for helping with this worthy project," said Higdon.

"AT&T is committed to the communities we serve," said Nancy Jarett, AT&T regional director – external & legislative affairs. "We are honored to partner with ConnectKentucky to help ensure that all Kentucky children and their families have the opportunity to develop the leadership skills they need to be successful. Supporting the future leaders of our Commonwealth is the right thing to do and the best investment a company can make."

"Once again ConnectKentucky is proud to work with AT&T to support the distribution of computer technology for a community facility," said ConnectKentucky Executive Director Rene True. "The Central Kentucky Head Start program will reap many benefits for the young people and their families participating in their programs. Without contributions from corporations like AT&T, many families may otherwise not be able to have access to broadband technologies to further their education and learning."

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About Computers 4 Kids: Computers 4 Kids (C4K) is an innovative project that brings together public and private partners to help disadvantaged children and their families join the Information Age. This is accomplished by placing computers in the hands of disad-vantaged populations so that they have access to abundant technological resources and can perform basic computing functions. Computers 4 Kids has successfully facilitated cooperation among private partners, corporate foundations and state government to place computers into the hands of underprivileged and disadvantaged individuals. ConnectKentucky's C4K is meeting the challenge of including these citizens in the digital age through these creative public-private partnerships. C4K, as an initiative, is as flexible as today's technology. C4K has delivered nearly 3,000 Internet-ready computers to disadvantaged individuals and populations across the state.

About ConnectKentucky: ConnectKentucky, a subsidiary of the national nonprofit Connected Nation, is leading the way into a new economy for Kentuckians. As an independent technology-based economic development organization, ConnectKentucky works to ensure that Kentucky remains the place of choice to live, work, and raise a family. ConnectKentucky is an alliance of technology-minded businesses, government entities, and universities working together to accelerate technology in the Commonwealth.