

Louisville Non-profits Receive Computer Donations



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*AT&T, Louisville Metro Council, and Hilliard Lyons
Sponsor ConnectKentucky's Donation of New Computers to Non-profits to Support
Participants' Education*

Louisville, KY: – Today, ConnectKentucky's No Child Left Offline® (NCLO) program announced the distribution of more computers to non-profit agencies that provide after-school programs to children in Jefferson County. Last year, NCLO delivered nearly \$50,000 worth of new computers, laptops, printers and other technologies to several agencies in Louisville. Representatives from AT&T, Louisville Metro Council and ConnectKentucky were joined in the celebration by students, staff and members of the communities at Boys Haven. In addition to Boy's Haven, computers and equipment will also be delivered to All Care Community Center, South West YMCA, The Lighthouse and the Cabbage Patch Settlement Home. Each organization will make this technology available to the underserved community of Jefferson County.

The donation will be made as part of a \$150,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation, the corporate philanthropy organization of AT&T Inc., \$28,000 from the Louisville Metro Council and \$5,000 from Hilliard Lyons. The partnership is designed to deliver computers to charities that support and deliver services to disadvantaged children and their families after school hours in Jefferson County. The partnership is committed to building common understanding about the importance and relevance of technology, enhancing excellence in underprivileged populations, enabling individuals to improve their lives through technological exposure all while reinforcing their commitment to education and society.

AT&T Foundation awarded ConnectKentucky's No Child Left Offline program the grant to provide computers and enhanced technology tools to Louisville area students who are participating in educational programs offered by non-profit agencies. "AT&T is committed to providing opportunities for all students to take advantage of the vast resources of the Internet and to experience technology firsthand," said Joan Coleman, president of AT&T Kentucky. "Education is our top priority, and private-public partnerships such as this provide hands-on learning opportunities that meet a need in our community and get our students excited about learning."

"No Child Left Offline offers access to internet resources for students that would otherwise be left out of the technological revolution," Louisville Metro Councilman Ken Fleming said. "I am proud of the Metro Council's support for both No Child Left Offline and Connect Kentucky and hope we can continue this partnership to deliver internet access to low-income students throughout Jefferson County."

“Boy’s Haven is such a deserving recipient of these computers,” according to René True, executive director of ConnectKentucky. “For more than half a century, they have been a pioneer in welfare of boys and girls in Louisville who need a helping hand. We look forward to seeing the meaningful and inventive way these boys and girls take advantage of this technology.”

Boy’s Haven has been a staple in Louisville, Kentucky for nearly 60 years. The organization serves the needs of boys, girls and young adults by empowering abused, homeless and struggling youth and their families to become healthy, self-sufficient members of the community through continuing professional care. Services provided by Boy’s Haven include residential treatment, independent treatment, community programs, intern programs and an innovative equine program.

The computers donated today will be available to participants of the Boy’s Havens residential program in on-campus dormitories. The computers serve as an extension of the classroom and allow students to prepare and research homework assignments.

No Child Left Offline, a project of ConnectKentucky, is the most innovative and comprehensive initiative of its kind undertaken by any state as it is intended to help bridge the digital divide. “Technology’s relevance in enhancing learning opportunities is readily apparent,” stated Andrew McNeill, Vice President of Program Development. “No Child Left Offline’s commitment to meeting these challenges continues with the generous contribution from the AT&T Foundation, Louisville Metro Council and Hilliard Lyons.”

Organizations interested in supporting No Child Left Offline can submit requests to nclo@connectky.org.

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About ConnectKentucky: *ConnectKentucky connects people to technology in world-altering ways: improving the lives of the formerly disconnected; renewing hope for previously withering rural communities; driving increases in the number of tech-intensive companies and jobs; and nurturing an environment for lifetime learning, improved healthcare, and superior quality of life. ConnectKentucky develops and implements effective strategies for technology deployment, use and literacy in Kentucky, creating both the forum and the incentive for interaction among a variety of people and entities that would not otherwise unite behind common goals and a shared vision. This level of teamwork is ensuring Kentucky remains the place of choice to live, work and raise a family*

About AT&T Foundation: *In 2006, AT&T Inc. and the AT&T Foundation contributed more than \$101 million to nonprofit organizations across the country. With its strong giving record, the AT&T Foundation ranks among the most generous corporate foundations in the United States.*

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