
More than 300 computers donated in total, valued at more than $100,000

Dallas, TX (January 30, 2015) – NPW and its skills-based volunteering program, The Community Corps, have teamed up with Beal Bank and United Way of Metropolitan Dallas to help improve technology capacities at nonprofits and schools across Dallas County in 2015.

NPW North Texas and The Community Corps recently announced the list of local nonprofits who have been awarded tech grants totaling approximately $100,000. The grants are in the form of computers generously donated in November by Beal Bank and consist of 200 computers with dual monitor setups and 100 computers with single monitors.

Over the holidays, distribution of the free computers began to nonprofits and schools serving low to moderate-income individuals and neighborhoods. The grant applications were individually assessed by volunteers from The Community Corps to ensure the computers reach those in the community who need them most. The Community Corps Beal Bank Tech Grant recipients include high-impact nonprofits like:

- Beacon Hill
- Childcare Group
- City Square
- Communities in School
- Edge Education
Heart House
- Jewish Family Service, Greater Dallas
- Jubilee Park and Community Center
- Kids-U
- Legal Hospice of Texas
- Liberty and Trinity
- Refugee Services of Texas
- Resource Center of Dallas
- VMLC

“We were especially moved by the applications submitted by Beacon Hill and Kids U. Both address the vastly unmet needs of underserved students and help provide them with access to technology,” said Kris Falvo, NPW’s North Texas Regional Director. She added, “These nonprofits are excellent examples of local community partners who focus on bringing students up to grade level and by providing these kids better access to technology which can increase learning in STEM-related coursework.”

One of the The Community Corps Beal Bank Tech Grant recipients and Director of Development at Kids-U Brandon Baker said, “The impact of these computers will be felt for years to come. It will allow us to create computer study/curriculum zones where students would be able to utilize numerous online curricula we offer, as well finish school projects and even school lessons through Reasoning Minds.” He added, “Beyond our students, the residents of our community will feel the impact as well. During the day we have internet cafes (at most sites) where residents can use computers to search for jobs, go to school, develop resumes, sign up for benefits, and many other functions. This computer might be the catalyst to a parent learning new skills and getting a new job. This will go towards creating a safe stable environment for our students to grow up in.”

Beacon Hill, another Tech Grant recipient, said, “Since most of the children and families we work with are low income, these added computers at each satellite location will be a sense of ownership and pride. Students will be able to utilize their time more wisely without having to wait in line to log in to take online reading and math quizzes. Students will also be able to grasp concepts better because they will be able to operate the computer on their own without having to share the keyboard. Parents will be able to learn how to effectively use the computers and will be provided training during workshops while students are in tutoring.”
“Families in today’s world need access to modern technology to maximize their potential. By donating these computers, we hope to help prepare adults for better job opportunities and to help children as they take those all-important first steps toward accomplishing great things. With the help of the good people at NPower, we are investing in those who will lead our country into the future,” said Jacob Cherner, President of Beal Service Corporation, Beal Bank’s administrative affiliate.

This is Beal Bank’s third donation of PCs over the last five years, and the donation continues their long tradition of supporting academic excellence, especially in science and mathematics. These computers will be a great asset to the tech grant awardees since they are less than 4 years old and already have Windows 7 installed.

“We are incredibly proud to partner with NPower and grateful to Beal Bank in getting much-needed technology to North Texas students to help them succeed academically,” said Dana Brown, Chief Marketing and Engagement Officer of United Way of Metropolitan Dallas. "We at United Way believe education is key to building strong families and thriving communities."

In addition to spearheading tech grant opportunities with leading corporations, The Community Corps is also heading up a North American volunteering effort in support of January’s Mentoring Month. Learn more about the vast range of mentoring opportunities available today: http://www.npower.org/Connecting/mentoring.aspx.

About NPower and The Community Corps:
NPower mobilizes the tech community and provides individuals, nonprofits, and schools opportunities to build tech skills and achieve their potential. The Community Corps, NPower’s skills-based volunteering program, connects technology professionals with high impact nonprofits and innovative education partners. Our tech volunteers work hand-in-hand with schools and nonprofits across North America to help them use technology more effectively and inspire the next generation of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) professionals. Our services are free to individuals, nonprofits and schools. For more information on NPower, please go to npower.org.

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United Way of Metropolitan Dallas brings people together to improve lives and create lasting change here in North Texas by focusing on education, income, and health -- the building blocks for strong families and thriving communities. We galvanize and connect all sectors of society -- individuals, businesses, non-profits, and government -- to create long-term change through investing in solutions that produce healthy, well-educated and financially stable individuals and families. We raise, invest and leverage over $50M annually in community-focused solutions serving Dallas, Collin, Rockwall and southern Denton counties. We do more than help one person beat the odds -- we are changing the odds for entire communities. Together, we LIVE UNITED. To learn more, please visit UnitedWayDallas.org.

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