

IT, TechBridge and Computers for Youth – a Strong Partnership



IT coordinated a spring clean-up last March at the SSC by collecting unused PC equipment. Through our relationship with TechBridge, 168 monitors were donated to Computers for Youth.

Computers for Youth (www.cfy.org) helps low-income children do better in school by improving their learning environment at home. They are tackling an important problem that is prevalent across the country - low-income children are not receiving the support they need during their critical middle school years. Computers for Youth's Take IT Home program addresses this problem and has shown significant results to improving student test scores, class effort and parental confidence in helping their children learn.

"We are thankful for THD's support of CFY-Atlanta and our mission to help low-income middle school students do better in school by improving their learning environment at home," said Jeanne Artime, director for CFY-Atlanta. "The computer equipment that The Home Depot provided was refurbished and loaded with our suite of educational software, then distributed to low-income middle school students through a family-focused workshop that not only teaches the families how to use these resources, but also provides strategies to give the parents more confidence in helping their children learn." Unlike efforts that focus solely on the classroom, CFY provides resources for the home, engages the parents, and helps teachers connect

the classroom with home learning. To date, CFY Atlanta has served more than 750 families in the greater Atlanta area at four low-income public middle schools. Next year, they plan to serve 1,000 families by partnering with seven middle schools.

Through our TechBridge partnership, you can volunteer to help CFY and other nonprofits in a number of ways. Go to www.techbridge.org to view a list of volunteer opportunities. Complete the TechBridge Volunteer Application located in the TechBridge folder in the IT Giving Back eRoom @ https://teamroom2.homedepot.com/eRoom/Central001/ITGivingBack/0_1a44c.

You must be registered to volunteer. Access the registration application in the eRoom. Once you complete and submit the registration form, you will be added to the TechBridge distribution list to receive e-mails notifying you of upcoming volunteer opportunities. Once you are registered, you can also contact Monique Wilson at mwilson@techbridge.org to ask about and sign up for volunteer opportunities.

"The Home Depot is honored to partner with TechBridge and Computers for Youth," said Dave Kardesh, vice president – IT HR and Finances. "Whether it is providing resources or equipment, it is a great feeling to know our work has unlimited potential and is making a difference in our communities and in the lives of the people who live there."