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year partnership with Days for Girls for this project.

The project consists of two parts: 1) Days for Girls' teacher training and 2) the teachers' delivery of Menstrual Health lessons to the students.

So far Days for Girls has trained 28 teachers and educated 471 students throughout three provinces.

Visit: <https://www.daysforgirls.org/>

WikiCharities Profile:

<https://www.wikicharities.org/nonprofit/USA/45-3934671>

Nonprofit Spotlight 3

TechCharities
(Applied Technology Foundation)



HQ: Salt Lake City, UT

Year Founded: 2013

Mission

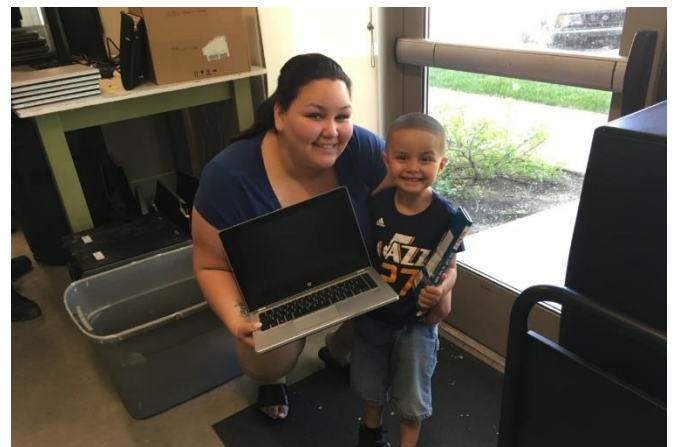
The mission of TechCharities is to help low-income families build technical skills and confidence by providing computer resources and basic technical training as they move toward self-reliance.

Program

Applied Technology Foundation, aka TechCharities, is a nonprofit organization with 501(c) status dedicated to helping low-income families and students improve their quality of life

by providing inexpensive desktops, laptops, and Chromebooks to those in need. Since 2013, we have distributed thousands of computers with over 2500 computers being distributed in 2022 alone.

Families, businesses, and other organizations regularly upgrade their computers, and they often look for ways to safely erase and discard them. This provides a consistent supply of computers that may be used for families and individuals in need. Volunteer technicians are trained and certified to pick-up donated computers, erase the hard drive, re-load public software, inventory, and distribute them for use. TechCharities.org partners with existing NGOs to provide additional computer resources, training, and technical support as requested.



Countries of Operation

TechCharities currently operates in the United States of America, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ghana, Liberia, Rwanda, Uganda, and Moldova.

Partnerships

- Sorenson Legacy Foundation
- Brigham Young University
- BYU Pathway
- Derrick and Rebecca Porter Foundation
- Booksmarts Accounting
- Spencer and Kristine Eccles Family
- Catholic Community Services
- The Asian Association
- The Good Samaritan

- International Rescue Committee
- Weber Adult Education
- Utah Department of Corrections
- Columbus School
- Holy Cross Ministries
- Refugee Support Services
- The Lords Hands
- Help Start Education Foundation
- Work Force Services

Short-Term Goals

1. Provide computers and technical support
2. Teach computer skills
3. Partner with community agencies
4. Recycle old computers

Long-Term Goals

1. Develop a plan and find ways to acquire more used laptops from local firms.
2. Simplify and improve the process of shipping computers to Africa. (Cost, security, tracking, TSA compliance, and feedback from end user).
3. Develop a more organized process for the end-user to receive basic computer training and to ask questions, as needed.



Successes

TechCharities can give free or nearly free computers to those in need because of the generous donations, support, and volunteer labor of others. In October of 2021, TechCharities established a working relationship with a nonprofit agency in Africa called The Lord's Hands. TechCharities plans to continue shipping 40 laptops to Africa each month.

Funders

Financial funding for computers comes from grants and administrative fees paid by clients. Example of significant funders include Sorenson Legacy Foundation Derick and Rebecca Porter.

Challenges

Providing better support for clients is a major focus in 2022/23. Volunteers are needed to help with this important phase of training. It has been difficult to keep up with the demand for laptops.

Visit: <https://techcharities.org/>

WikiCharities Profile:

<https://www.wikicharities.org/nonprofit/USA/46-3605622>



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