

# Washington County Receives AT&T- Sponsored Computers through ConnectKentucky Program



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*AT&T Sponsors ConnectKentucky's Donation of New Computers to  
Washington County Schools' Laptop Loan program, DECA Youth Entrepreneurial  
Program and Mackville Community Development*

**Springfield, KY:** – Today, ConnectKentucky's Computers 4 Kids (C4K) program donated laptops, computers, and printers to Washington County Schools' Laptop Loan program, DECA Youth Entrepreneurial Program and Mackville Community Development. Senator Dan Kelly was joined by representatives from AT&T, Inc (NYSE:T), Springfield - Washington County, Kentucky Economic Development Authority, ConnectKentucky and the computer recipients at Washington County High School to celebrate distributions to community organizations.

"What an investment for our school system from AT&T and ConnectKentucky. With the "Laptop Loan Program" we will help those students who need the technology at their homes and the computers for the YMCA after school programs will help the younger students in improving their skills," said Hal Goode, SWEDA Executive Director. "The computers for the DECA Youth Entrepreneurial Program and the Mackville Community Development will help with outreach to the community on the importance of using computer technology and the internet."

The donations were made possible because of a \$150,000 grant from the AT&T Foundation, the corporate philanthropy organization of AT&T. AT&T's partnership with Computers 4 Kids is designed to deliver computers to charities that support and deliver services to disadvantaged children and their families after school hours across the country. Last year, C4K distributed over 150 computers and laptops, network printers, a server, and server software licenses to non-profits in Kentucky through the first \$75,000 provided by the grant. Today's donation also includes 18 Lexmark Inkjet Printers generously donated through ConnectKentucky's partnership with Lexmark International.

"We are pleased to support the Computers for Kids program and their work to provide computers and Internet access to neighborhood children and adults seeking to further their education," said Joan Coleman, President, AT&T Kentucky. "These are great programs that will extend the benefits of technology and communications to more Kentuckians."

Computers 4 Kids, 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 by placing computers into the hands of families and organizations that support education. "Computer 4 Kids continues to transform the lives of Kentucky's families and communities," stated Rene True, Executive Director of ConnectKentucky. "Through the generous contribution of the AT&T Foundation, the support of our corporate partners and working with local community leaders, ConnectKentucky is closing the digital divide, one family at a time."

Organizations interested in supporting Computers 4 Kids can submit requests to [C4K@connectky.org](mailto:C4K@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*

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