

Computers 4 Kids Donates Brand New Dell Computers to Clinton County Public Library



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ConnectKentucky's Computers 4 Kids donates brand new Dell computers to Clinton County Public Libraries to encourage technology literacy for the entire family

Albany, KY: Today, Clinton County residents received the news of the donation of new Dell computers to the Clinton County Public Library. The computers were donated through ConnectKentucky's Computers 4 Kids program, an innovative program designed to help close the digital divide among Kentucky's youth and their families. This donation was made possible by a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC).

ConnectKentucky was recently awarded a \$300,000 grant by Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to distribute over 1,000 computers in the ARC region. With the generous support of the Appalachian Regional Commission and in partnership with Lexmark International, computers will be paired with a Lexmark Inkjet Printer.

Computers 4 Kids brings together public and private partners to help Kentucky households join the Information Age. The program is the most comprehensive initiative of its kind undertaken by any state in the nation. It ensures that computers donated by the state and private providers will be saved from landfills and used for the benefit of Kentucky families.

"Computers 4 Kids continues to transform the lives of Kentucky's families," stated Rene True, Executive Director of ConnectKentucky. "Through the generous contribution of the Appalachian Regional Commission and the support of our corporate partners, ConnectKentucky is closing Kentucky's digital divide."

Placing computers in libraries awards the whole community an opportunity to access educational and research materials they need in order to effectively compete in today's global economy. According to a study conducted by Pew, more than two-thirds of library visitors in all age groups said they used computers while at the library.

ConnectKentucky has already initiated and executed a successful pilot project of Computers 4 Kids and its predecessor, No Child Left Offline, and has delivered more than 3,000 computers across Kentucky. As part of this ARC initiative, ConnectKentucky has delivered more than 1,300 computers and Lexmark Printers to Powell, Estill, Lee, Elliott, Martin, Bell, Martin, Harlan, Casey, Floyd, Monroe and Russell counties.

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About ConnectKentucky: ConnectKentucky is leading the way into a new economy for Kentuckians. As an independent technology-based economic development organization, ConnectKentucky works to ensure that Kentucky remains the place of choice to live, work and raise a family. ConnectKentucky is an alliance of technology-minded businesses, government entities and universities working together to accelerate technology in the Commonwealth.

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