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*50 low-income Disabled and Families w/Children receive Internet ready computers during CFH's September 2005, Free Computer Giveaway Event, at Los Angeles Valley College, Valley Glen, CA*

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Ca. – September 30 2005, - Joseph and Elizabeth Ogbomon, of CompuTech for Humanity (CFH) donated 50 free computers to deserving disabled adults and children to aid in job search and improve quality of life by giving a gift of technology on September 23, 2005.

Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye, Vice President of Student Services and Dr. Kathleen Sullivan of the Disabled Student Programs & Services Department (DSPS) under the direction of Dr. Tyree Wieder, president of Los Angeles Valley College (LAVC), granted a conference room for the event. All computers given are Internet ready and are installed with WIN 2000 Professional operating systems.

Eligible recipients are referred by the California State Department of Rehabilitation, the Independent Living Center of Van Nuys, Tarzana Medical, the Westside Center for Independent Living (WCIL), and various California State Community College Departments of Disabled Students.

Special guests attending the giveaway event included **Stephanie Payne** of the From the Ground up Boutique, North Hollywood, CA, who sponsored refreshment for the volunteers that assisted the recipients; *food was prepared by Victorio's Pizza of North Hollywood, CA*. Other invited guests were: **Julienne Dallara** of Advanced Mobility, Van Nuys, CA; **John Whitbread** of Living Independently in Los Angeles (LILA); **Consuella Mackey**, founder of Operation Confidence, Tarzana, CA and accompanied by Jackie, her certified therapy dog; and **Naomi Anderson** of Palmdale, CA. The event was covered by the media outlets: The Los Angeles Daily News newspaper and the Valley Star, school newspaper of LAVC. Also, the **Northrop Grumman Corporation, Los Angeles, CA** has shown support for CFH's Free Computer Giveaway Event program. Their corporate sponsorship donation will allow CFH to refurbish 15 computers for low-income eligible recipients.

### CFH Milestones:

- In our last quarter, CFH has given away more than 200 computers to low-income disabled individuals, low-income families with children and nonprofit agencies that serve the disabled community.
- Microsoft recognized CFH as an official **Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher (MAR)**. CFH is able to legally install Win 2000 Professional operating systems on the computers given to eligible recipients.
- CFH collaborated with the **WCIL** to host our Free Computer Giveaway Event; 30 computers were donated to low-income disabled individuals at the Mar Vista facility in Los Angeles, CA
- CFH donated 9 computers to the **California Association to Aid Ukraine, Inc.**; the computers are designated for delivery to the Hospital of First Aid, in Chernivtsi, Ukraine. The hospital is currently building its computer network to modernize the processing of healthcare information.
- CFH is listed as a community resource on **Living Independently in Los Angeles (LILA)**, an online information system that incorporates a variety of databases relevant to the Los Angeles disability and senior community.
- CFH donated 10 computers to **Operation Confidence**, a nonprofit that has been providing programs for people with disabilities for over 24 years including job preparation workshops and special services programs.
- CFH donated and coordinated the delivered pencils and pens to students and staff of the **A.C. Herrera Elementary School** Barrio Obrero, in Tondo, Manila, Philippines and donated and delivered thousands of pencils, pens and toys to elementary schools, Orphanages, and the **Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center** in Benin City, Nigeria. In all, more than 12,000 individual children have benefited from our efforts during our visits.

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