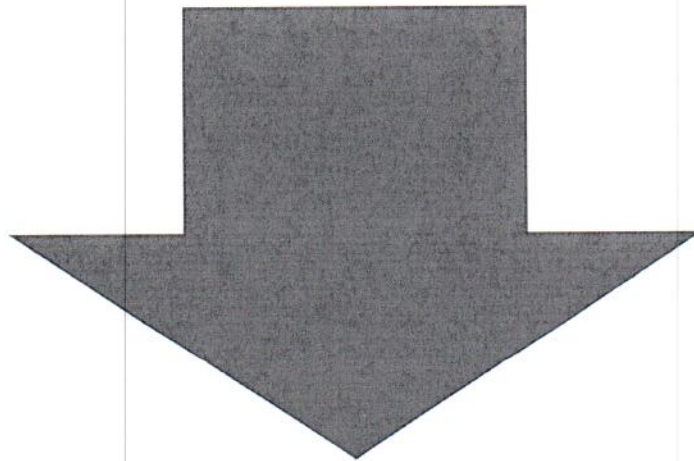


The Buddy Project

Program Testimonials



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Updated:

Monday, April 10, 2023

To whom it may concern,

My name is Aaron, I have problems with major depression and anxiety. The Buddy Project has helped me by offering a safe and welcoming environment to learn IT tech support skills. I am a student at Carroll Community College. Working with The Buddy Project has given me hands on IT experience. The computer given to me by The Buddy Project helped me to achieve my goal of earning an AA Degree in Cybersecurity. I have learned to repair computers, install operating systems, and recycle IT assets. My wife has also benefited from volunteering to recycle computers because she also has a disability. Being able to get out and do something meaningful with your time feels good when you have a disability. She is in school too and has benefited from being given a computer to finish her schooling. My Son, who is 9 now, really enjoys the diecast cars that are available through The Buddy Project. Assistance is offered to anyone with a disability or who is considered low-income. The Buddy Project is essential to the community because of their work to bridge the digital divide. I am proud to be part of what The Buddy Project is doing to raise awareness for Autism.

Thank You

Aaron J. Ridley
Program Participant

Donna McNeil

Mother of Connor McNeil, Computer Recipient.

"My son first received a Desk Top computer from The Buddy Project when he was in Middle School, he was so excited. He was able to do schoolwork, play games and interact with friends. Once he finished school I contacted Eric to see if he could volunteer. Eric welcomed him into The Buddy Project family. He has been there for a few years now and takes apart old computers for recycling and updates Chromebooks. Doing this has really helped his self-worth and given him confidence. He loves to tell people that he works there, and has recruited some friends to volunteer there too! We are very thankful for the positive impact that The Buddy Project has made in his life."

Emil Moujalled

Information Technology Student at The Buddy Project

The Buddy Project has impacted me positively. For example, I am able to express and develop my technological knowledge. This is done by working on surplus computers that are donated by companies and individuals, these surplus computers are then made available to help people and families. Additionally, I am able to meet new people and gain profitable social experience.

Pastor Tony Lawson- Damascus Road Baptist Church and Bible Institute

Non-Profit who Received Computers through The Buddy Project

What a blessing to know this organization and Mr. Eric Zimmerman. We started a Life Center that will reach the community and help those in need by providing laptops and computers so that many can search for jobs, resources information and even do schoolwork. The Buddy Project provided us with good quality equipment and laptops which benefited our community. I strongly recommend the Buddy Project.

Friday, April 7, 2023

Statement from the ARC of Frederick County, MD:

The Buddy Project has been providing access to technology for people with Developmental Disabilities in Frederick for many years. Individuals from The Arc of Frederick County and their families have benefitted greatly from The Buddy Project's commitment to providing computers, support, and training opportunities in the IT field. Eric and his team are always responsive to the needs of people we support. Their commitment to accepting old computers while providing refurbished ones at no cost has made them a wonderful community support for many people.

Thank you, Eric!

Kirk

Kirk McNemar

Supervising Support Coordinator
The Arc of Frederick County
620-A Research Court
Frederick, MD 21703
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I have known of the Buddy Project since I moved to Frederick in 2010. They are a non-profit organization that through donations and hard work, provide low-income citizens and people in need with refurbished computers. I have donated useful but unwanted equipment to them several times. Fast forward 2022 I needed my laptop repaired. They did it at no cost and in exchange for my donations over the years, and they did an excellent job too.

I can't think of a better way someone can do this; they are effectively lowering the carbon print by refurbishing equipment that otherwise would go to the landfill, and help people in need. They are honest, good workers, with excellent knowledge of computers hardware and software. Totally recommend them.

Thank you, Buddy Project! I will be back!

Laritza Rodriguez
Frederick, September 2022

March 06, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I was so grateful and Blessed to receive a desktop computer. I was laid off from a prestigious company in 2019. The desktop enabled me to apply for new jobs and learn new trades through Maryland Unemployment. Unfortunately, I became disabled in 2021. I still use the desktop for household planning and research. Thank you for the help that you give to our community. The Buddy Project gives new hope to those that can't afford laptops and desktops. Your service is appreciated and many have benefited from your generosity.

Thank you kindly,

Cynthia M. Wiley
wileyc581@gmail.com

220 Galyn Dr, Brunswick, MD 21758
301-448-2337
Wednesday, August 12, 2020

Dear Eric:

Thank you very much for the free computer. As discussed I lost my job of 22 years in late March 2020. I currently live in Brunswick Md (Frederick County) as I am hoping to use this computer to help me get a job. I have a family of 6 as this will help them when they need resources as well.

Thanks again with your help and all the assistance you have given me with this information.
I will pass on the great work that you gave me from Buddy Project.Org on Facebook.

Sincerely,

Gary Yablon

Friday 8/21/2020

The the Buddy Project,

I just want to thank Mr. Eric Zimmerman and his staff for the opportunity for my children to have a working and functional quality computer and monitor and equipment to use in our home. We have not had a proper desktop for two years now, and have been completely dependant on the chrome books for the kids education. Now everything is online, and the chrome books are not ours and the kids and our family had limited access to what we could do or see, and could not print easily from home. The cost of buying a computer fully ready with software was not an option for us. Our family is on social services and lost our jobs due to CoVID. I am in college again for a second degree, which is also fully online.

I really appreciate the Buddy Project for helping our family be able to study, shop online, pay bills online, investigate other services and apply for jobs and opportunities easily. This program is wonderful and desperately needed especially for all of us that have felt the financial impact due to COVID.

Again, thank you for all you do for our community. I will definitely refer others I know who could benefit from this program. Also I will encourage others to donate their equipment to you so as a community we can work together and give others a chance to benefit from access to all kinds of services the internet provides, from education, virtual visits from doctors, job searches and so much more.

Sincerely and Gratefully,

Rachel Noor



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August 23, 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I want to write to express our deepest gratitude for coordinating the donation of twenty-five (25) laptop computers for Sisterhood Agenda. These computers are awesome and very much needed!

Sisterhood Agenda educates, supports, and empowers women and girls around the globe. Many of our constituents are at 60% or below Baltimore County AMI (Annual Median Income).

Thank you again for your thoughtfulness in including Sisterhood Agenda in The Buddy Project, a fabulous program that helps to shrink the digital divide.

We are pleased to partner with and support the important work of The Buddy Project as a valuable resource in our community.

Sincerely,

Angela D. Coleman, MBA, CNM
Founder and President
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To Whom It Concerns,

On behalf of SHIP of Frederick County, I am writing this letter to enthusiastically support the work of Eric Zimmerman and The Buddy Project. This year Eric and his team helped repair several laptops which case managers used to connect students to over 250 local resources to help address barriers and end the cycle of homelessness.

As a result of the team's work, our students have been able to achieve greater access to financial aid, college enrollment, mental health resources, employment, and continuing education.

We are grateful for this partnership and look forward to continued collaboration!

Sincerely,
Monica Johnson
New Horizons Program Administrator
SHIP of Frederick County
240-397-9750

July 24, 2020

Mr. Eric D. Zimmerman
The Buddy Project
2107 Chestnut Lane
Frederick, MD 21702

Dear Eric,

I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the wonderful work that you do in providing no-cost computers to those with disabilities. What you are doing is life-changing – you are giving tools to those who would otherwise not have them. By doing this, you are expanding your client's potential in life.

Our son, Jordan, is 8 years old and has been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (diagnosed at age 2). Over the past several months, after receiving the computer from The Buddy Project, my wife has been working with Jordan on a daily basis. She has subscribed to a reading and writing program, which helps him to learn how to read and write new words. With my wife working with him, Jordan's reading level has gone from an A to a D! This could not have been done without the computer that you provided to him!

He continues to work on the computer every day, and we continue to see progress! His reading continues to become more fluent and his writing (which requires him to spell words) just gets better and better. We are truly blessed to have received this computer from you – it has made a world of difference in Jordan's education. As a result, he is becoming more and more confident with what he knows, which also encourages to learn even more.

While we cannot fully express it in words, I hope this letter gives some insight into the dramatic impact your work is doing for our son. The fact that you do this for so many people is simply amazing. We are truly grateful for the impact you have made on our son's life.

Sincerely,



Robert Woodruff
9337 Lindale Avenue
Greencastle, PA 17225

To whom it may concern,

My name is Hans Widmann, and I'm the Computer Refurbishment Operations Director at The Buddy Project. As the Computer Refurbishment Operations Director, I get to see a lot of people, and machines, go through The Buddy Project (for the disabled), the e-Xcel program (for the poor), and just recently our Covid-19 program (for people affected either directly or indirectly by the fallout from the Covid-19 pandemic). In my position, I'm responsible for the repair, refurbishment, and warranty of all computers, donated or otherwise, going through the repair lab at The Buddy Project, so I'm usually the one with the best idea of our current supply level of various computer parts.

All of that brings me to my main point, being that we at The Buddy Project survive exclusively off of donated computers, and for as long as I've been here, we've been unable to provide nearly any Laptops to those who need it due to a lack of donated laptops. About 5 out 10 laptops we receive are so old that even if we repaired them, they would be of no use to anyone; while 3 of the 5 remaining will have a proprietary part we cannot obtain due to cost that is needed to repair the laptop. Only about 2 out of every 10 laptops we receive through donations ever end up being refurbished, and even then they end up having to go to our store inventory to be sold for a bare-bones price (we are a non-profit after all) in order to keep our lights on.

At the Buddy Project, nothing is more important than our programs, mainly the e-Xcel program for the poor and The Buddy Project itself, for the disabled. When people come to The Buddy Project, they are usually at the lowest point in their lives, and trying to claw their way back up in our modern, internet driven world. Some people that apply are homeless, while others have disabilities that can make it hard to move around, or lift heavy objects! These aren't people who are going to be able to use a desktop computer, and yet that's all we can provide them.

We really need all the laptops we can get, and if someone out there has some to spare, I hope they could consider donating them.

- Hans Widmann, Computer Refurbishment Operations Director at The Buddy Project.

Mr. Eric Zimmerman

August 5, 2020

The Buddy Project

2107 Chestnut Lane

Frederick, MD 21702

Dear Eric:

Thank you so much for the wonderful opportunity that you are offering to people with disabilities. By repurposing computers and donating them to others who have great need, you are giving them a wonderful gift of improving their quality of life.

I am a Special educator working at the Career Technology Center for the Frederick County Board of Education. I work with many Special Needs children and young adults who don't have the means to purchase computers for themselves due to overwhelming daily living expenses. By providing computers from the Buddy Project, individuals are given the opportunity to learn more skills and learn how to become more independent.

I hope that you will be able to continue your efforts to provide computers to the disabled community for years to come. I am so proud of your success and keep it going as long as possible. Congratulations.

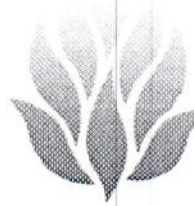
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula Blundell".

Paula Blundell

6877 Snowberry Ct.

Frederick, MD. 21703



Beth Sholom CONGREGATION

From Generation To Generation... Together We Grow

July 20, 2020

Dear The Buddy Project and anonymous technology donors,

On behalf of the Beth Sholom Congregation, we want to thank you for your donation of a monitor, keyboard and mouse to our office team.

Your donation will help improve our daily operations and functions.

Beth Sholom Congregation is a 501 (C) (3) and our federal EIN is 13-1659707.

Sincerely,

Marcia K Newfeld, FSA
Executive Director

Katelyn Vaughan
Office Manager



FREDERICK COUNTY GOVERNMENT

DIVISION OF CITIZENS SERVICES

Family Partnership

Jan H. Gardner
County Executive

Christine Cambareri Kay, Director
Amanda Barker, Acting Director

July 10, 2020

To whom it may concern:

Rosa and her daughter are currently receiving parent education and ESL classes at Family Partnership.

Rosa and her family have been enrolled in our program since July 2018.

Our Mission: Family Partnership, with community support, empowers individuals and families of diverse Backgrounds to be stable and self-reliant by building on their strengths and skills. Family Partnership Provides families with assistance in getting services and information that will support their family and goals (e.g., food stamps, medical assistance, housing, child-care, mental health services, etc.) We also provide parenting, health, life management, respite and recreation opportunities, GED classes, ESL classes and Career readiness skills to families in need.

Our agency feel's that Rosa and her family would benefit from a computerized device in order to help the family continue their education virtually. Rosa is currently enrolled in Frederick Community College's ESL classes and is working towards increasing her English skills. Rosa also participates in Parent-child activities and receives 1:1 parent support by our parent education staff.

Rosa does not have the financial means to afford her own computerized device. Rosa's husband is the main Provider of the family and his income is very limited. Due to COVID-19, the family is unable to access virtual learning without a computer device.

We greatly appreciate the support that you can offer to Rosa and her family!

Thank you kindly,


Beverly Simpson



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