



## **Nonprofit Technology Resources** *Celebrating Our 29th Year of Service*

**Annual Report 2002**  
*for year ending July 31, 2002*

*NTR serves low-income people in Philadelphia by recycling used computers, providing hands-on training, and helping community-based service organizations use computers in their work.*

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## ***Growing, In Service to Philadelphia***



*In December 2001 NTR moved from its cramped second floor location at 1508 Brandywine Street to a spacious two-story warehouse at 1524 Brandywine. This expansion allowed us to double our number of volunteers and interns, including many aspiring computer technicians seeking an opportunity to gain hands-on experience refurbishing computers, as well as high*

*school students in summer work experience programs. With a training space on the first floor adjacent to the parking lot, the new building offers unimpeded access to our clients and makes it possible for our programs to be offered to handicapped people for the first time.*

## **From the Director ...**

# **Regional Collaboration is Key to Growth**

As the Clinton era and the historic long run of the dot.com bull economy came to a close in the summer of 2001, NTR's work in Philadelphia moved towards creating improved collaboration and cooperation among technology related non-profit groups.

### **CTCNet Conference**

Throughout the summer, preparations were underway for a September conference of community technology centers. With a small grant from Community Technology Centers Network ([www.ctcnet.org](http://www.ctcnet.org)), and the America Connects Consortium ([www.americconnects.net](http://www.americconnects.net)), NTR was able to let me spend time organizing a planning committee for this conference. The 15-member planning committee worked well together. Through their efforts, over 100 representatives of area community technology centers convened at the United Way on September 21, 2001.



*Donald Campbell of the United Way of SEPA welcomes CTCNet Conference participants.*

This was the first time that people working in community technology in Philadelphia neighborhoods had a chance to meet and learn from each other.

Through the medium of this conference NTR, as the leading local affiliate of the nationwide CTCNet, founded the Philadelphia Regional CTCNet Planning Committee, whose members represent city government, universities such as Temple and Penn, nonprofit institutions – including the Philadelphia School District and the United Way – and



*Jeanette Aaron, of Mt. Airy Community Computer Center, addresses CTCNet Conference.*

community technology centers.

### **Metropolitan Career Center**

Partnerships with area technical schools brought new faces and new energy to NTR this year. As we prepared to move to our new building in the fall, interns from Metropolitan Career Center were able to gain hands-on experience wiring our computer and telephone networks. They stapled wires to ceilings and baseboards, attached cable connectors and connected the hub. This was their

first "real" network outside since finishing their coursework.

The wiring done, our new office space now needed additional interior walls – and lots of paint. The warehouse needed roofing, new doors and locks, new hinges for the garage doors, and dozens of new light bulbs. On a limited budget, we had to do most of the repairs ourselves.



*CTCNet Conference panelists (from left) Jan Knuth, of the PA Institute on Assistive Technology, and Steve Rockwell of the United Way join in applause for fellow panelist Ed Schwartz, of the Institute for Civic Values.*

### **Project HOME**

The move itself was made possible by an email "call for help!" which I ran on Ed Schwartz's "NOLPhiladelphia" (Neighbors Online Philadelphia) email list. Staff at Project HOME saw the email which offered hourly pay for moving help the following Saturday. They sent over a half dozen willing hands and my wife even pitched in to help supervise the crew. The Project HOME helpers continued working with us on and off for the next week or two, until everything was finally moved from our old office to the new.



*Darold Hamlin, of the Mayor's Office of Information Services, addresses CTCNet Conference.*

### **TechXchange**

In the fall of 2001, the Arts and Business Council of Greater Philadelphia (an affiliate of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce) and United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania convened representatives from 23 nonprofit technology assistance providers (NTAPS) to begin the first of many discussions about how best to address the unmet needs of their respective constituencies. As an outcome of this initial meeting, a coalition of nonprofit technology assistance pro-

viders – now called the TechXchange – was formed to advance the capabilities and capacity of all providers to better serve collective and individual constituencies. Nonprofit Technology Resources, as the oldest NTAP in the Philadelphia Region became one of the initial members of this coalition representing our constituency – small nonprofit clients and the people they serve. NTR's role within the coalition has permitted us to help mold the vision and mission of the coalition to



*Michele Rawls, of Delaware Technical and Community College, addresses CTCNet Conference.*

encompass the effects of technology on the entire region, including those people often left behind as changes occur in society. NTR is also facilitating valuable communications between the NTAPs and community technology centers (through CTCNet), as the missions of NTAPs and technology centers converge.

### **Learning Through Technology**

NTR's most intensive collaborative project is Learning Through Technology (LTT). Through this program NTR works with community organizations to provide used computers to their members and clients. Philadelphia Community College's Student Activities Department is our largest collaborator. Their staff advertises our program and handles collection of program fees to help CCP students obtain computers to help further their educational opportunities.

Another of our partners in promoting computer learning is Tigerman, the "nonviolent superhero," whose motto is "Give a kid a computer, not a gun." Tigerman talks to kids about controlling their anger, tells them not to play with guns, and distributes NTR's Free Computer Certificates to kids at his presentations.

Neighbors United Against Drugs, a community based addiction prevention program in Southwest Philadelphia, has been a partner with NTR for a number of years. With funding from Mayor Street's new after school activities program NUAD was able to provide 60 children with free computers and classes in our LTT program.

The Huey Family Center used its own fundraising capacity to offer free computers to 20 children in its after school program.

The Carson Valley School, a residential home for disadvantaged children, has worked closely with NTR to provide extended 8-week courses in basic computer literacy and computer labs for several of their residential units.

Computer reuse continues to thrive at NTR, as our programs have become valued partners to many groups in the region who seek computers for their clients. See the list of LTT sponsors

### **Generous Foundation Gifts**

Our expansion came close on the heels of the September 2001 attacks – just as stock prices and charitable giving plunged. Timely gifts from the Solomon and Sylvia Bronstein Foundation and The 1957 Charity Trust in November helped prevent lost momentum by supporting the distribution of free computers to over 60 children. In the spring, the Patricia Kind Family Foundation helped strengthen NTR's programs with a major gift for general operations. This year, NTR received \$60,250 in major gifts, including \$38,250 to provide free computers and training to children from low-income homes.

Also in the spring of 2002, we launched a new internship program, TARGET (Technology Access Resource Giving Employment Training), in order to provide a more structured learning experience to increased numbers of interns. Another major gift from the Hamilton Family Foundation helped to launch TARGET, and allowed us to welcome eleven high school student interns for the summer of 2002 in addition to other volunteers and technical school interns.

NTR greatly appreciates the partnership, constructive oversight and thoughtful recognition that are offered by these and other foundations as they help to support our mission.

### **You're Invited!**

There is no limit to the potential of collaboration. You too are welcome to join in our exchange of ideas. If you are interested in community technology, you are invited to join the CTCNet email list. Or, you can join the NTR Friends list or the Volunteer list. You can share your ideas and help

to define new ways to address the Digital Divide. Please write to me, Stan Pokras ([pokras@libertynet.org](mailto:pokras@libertynet.org)), if you'd like to be added to any of these lists. And, I would be remiss if I didn't mention that you can also donate money. Ask me how you can support a child to receive a free computer!

**Stan Pokras, Executive Director**



*Recipients of foundation-funded free computers attend a "Tigerman" Learning Through Technology training session.*

### **Community Technology Centers' Network**

If you would like to receive e-mail announcements from the Greater Philadelphia Chapter of Community Technology Centers' Network, please send your contact info to Stan Pokras <[pokras@libertynet.org](mailto:pokras@libertynet.org)>.



Greater Philadelphia Chapter:  
<http://www.ctcnet-philly.org/>

CTCNet nationwide:  
<http://www.ctcnet.org/>

# TARGET: New Internship Program

This year NTR launched TARGET (Technology Access Resource Giving Employment Training), a new internship program designed to provide a more structured learning experience to increased numbers of interns.

## **It's About the Kids!**

When NTR's computer reuse operation began in 1996, it focused on getting computers into the hands of community organizations and needy people – especially kids. Seven years later, there are still many kids in our neighborhoods who have no computer at home. The need to serve these kids is still the driving force behind NTR's reuse operation.

But today, increasingly, NTR is also focusing on the kids – and learners of all ages – who are taking advantage of the opportunity to gain hands-on experience helping to fix the computers that fuel NTR's Learning Through Technology program.

## **Hamilton Family Foundation**

A major gift from the Hamilton Family Foundation in the spring of 2002 helped to launch TARGET, and allowed NTR to welcome eleven high school student interns that summer – twice as many as in the previous summer – in



*Corey Jones, a YouthWorks student from Benjamin Franklin High School, uses a pallet jack to move computers behind our new warehouse.*

addition to interns from technical schools and other volunteers.

NTR's internship program has become an important element in training programs of local high schools and technical schools, providing a place where students can gain practical experience

working on computer hardware. High school students work at NTR during the school day as part of a "School-To-Work" program, as well as after school and during school vacations.

## **Metropolitan Career Center**

Most of NTR's adult interns in fiscal year 2002 were students at Metropolitan Career Center. Most were low-income adults, many of whom were living in transitional housing. For these students, internship opportunities, such as NTR's TARGET program, are a vital link between school and successful entry into today's labor markets.

Interns have always played a vital role in NTR's computer reuse effort. The Corporation for National Service helped launch NTR's computer reuse program in 1997, providing VISTA volunteers during the first three years of the reuse program.

## **Impact Services**

Impact Services has been NTR's steadiest source of summer interns, placing students with NTR every summer for over ten years. For several years,



*From left, Impact Services interns Hector Maldonado, Luis Santiago, Qiana West and Shane Thornton came to NTR in the summer of 2001.*



*Mark Downing (foreground) came to NTR as an intern from the Metropolitan Career Center. In the background is Shane Thornton.*

Impact has been one of the agencies participating in the Funders' Collaborative Summer Career Exploration Program, which is coordinated by The Philadelphia Foundation and was founded by the William Penn Foundation.



*Max Diaz, a former summer intern, became NTR's Warehouse and Production Manager in September of 2001.*

Max Diaz, an Edison High School student, came to NTR as an intern with Impact Services' Summer Career Exploration Program in the summer of 2000. In the fall he became a part-time staff member, working at NTR after school during his senior year. In September of 2001, Max became NTR's full-time Warehouse and Hardware Production Manager.

Impact Services sent five interns to NTR in the summer of 2001. One of them, Shane Thornton, a student at George Washington Carver High School of

Engineering and Science, joined NTR's staff at the end of the summer, working through the winter after school. Shane's excellent service record at NTR earned him a Michael Walker Award from the Philadelphia Foundation for his work in the summer. He became a full-time staff member in June 2002 after graduating from high school.

**YouthWorks**

In the summer of 2002, Impact Services sent another five students to work at NTR. Most of the Impact participants were strong students planning to pursue a college education. An additional six students came to NTR from YouthWorks, a program that works with the Philadelphia School District to engage "at risk" students and encourage them to stay in school. Both groups worked very hard despite having to spend some uncomfortable days in a hot warehouse.



*Shane Thornton, a former summer intern, became NTR's Warehouse and Production Manager in September of 2002.*

**Seeking New Partnerships**

As the summer comes to a close, changes in policy at the School District put some of our fall expectations in limbo. Our plans are to continue serving high school students in every way we can, and to seek out new partnerships with technical schools in the area.



*Impact Services summer interns in 2002 included (foreground, from left) Asad Woods, Andrew Jackson and Gabriel Ramos.*

# Volunteers Fuel Learning Through Technology

## Learning While Serving Our Community

Ever since the Corporation for National Service helped launch NTR's computer reuse program in 1997, providing VISTA volunteers during the first three years of operation, volunteer labor has formed an essential component in our computer reuse program, enabling us to keep our costs within the reach of the people we serve.

## Staff Development

Almost all of NTR's paid staff members originally came to work for us as volunteers or interns. Former volunteers on our current staff include Dave Butler, Shane Thornton, Mark Downing, Lorraine Johnson and Greg Stubblefield.



*Kenneth Mack came to NTR in the summer of 2002 through the YouthWorks program.*



*Larry Williams, a student at Benjamin Franklin High School student, has been volunteering at NTR since January, 2001.*



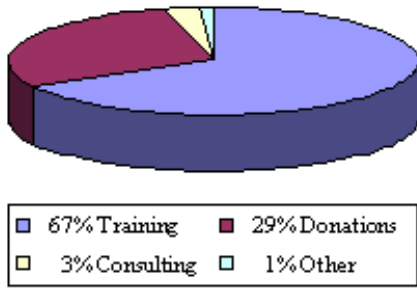
*Ed Sweeney, formerly a chemist with Rohm and Haas, knew very little about computer hardware when he first volunteered at NTR in the spring of 2001. Ed learned quickly, and has become a valuable member of our computer refurbishing team.*

## 7,270 Volunteer Hours

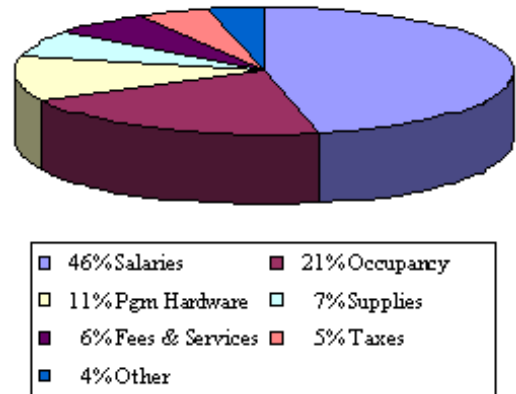
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# Statement of Activities for Year Ended July 31, 2002

**Income**



**Expenses**



**Support and Revenues**

Contributions .....	\$ 63,000
Computer Hardware Training .....	147,750
Sales and Rentals .....	2,590
Consulting Income .....	6,055
Investment Income .....	63
<b>Total Support and Revenues .....</b>	<b>\$ 219,458</b>

**Balance Sheet As of July 31, 2002**

**Assets**

Cash .....	\$ 6,147
Accounts Receivable .....	1,712
Parts Inventory .....	19,581
<b>Total Assets .....</b>	<b>\$ 27,440</b>

**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable .....	\$ 20,028
Deferred Revenue .....	2,996
<b>Total Liabilities .....</b>	<b>\$ 23,024</b>
Net Assets .....	\$ 4,416
Net Liabilities & Net Assets .....	\$ 27,440

**Expenses**

Program Services .....	\$ 222,128
Management & General .....	2,376
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$ 224,504</b>
Change in Net Assets .....	(\$ 5,046)
Fund Balance, Beginning .....	\$ 9,462
Fund Balance, Ending .....	\$ 4,416

**Financial Overview**

NTR's revenue increased about 2% over the previous year, while expenses increased about 9%. Cash donations comprised 29% of our income, up from 16% last year. Occupancy (rent and utilities) accounted for 21% of our expenses, up from 12% last year.

**Computer Labs Installed**

- Albanian Christians International
- Congreso de Latinos Unidos
- Mental Health Association Mainstream Project
- New Choices / New Options (Temple University)
- The Preschool Project
- Programs Employing People
- Providence Baptist Church
- Rowan University
- Jones Tabernacle AME Church (funded by the Office of State Representative Jewell Williams)
- YMCA

**Computer Lab Access Program**

NTR offers completely integrated computer networks, complete with printer, hub, and networking cables. We install all hardware, and provide staff training. This program is very popular in schools and Community Technology Centers and start-up nonprofits.



NTR installed a computer lab at Jones Tabernacle AME Church, thanks to funding obtained through the Office of State Representative Jewell Williams.

# Partners in Learning Through Technology

NTR's Learning Through Technology (LTT) program addresses the need for computers in the homes of low-income families. LTT has been a mainstay of NTR's operation since 1999, producing over 60% of our revenue for the year. This year the LTT program distributed 619 computers and provided training to 692 students.



## Program Goals and Vision

The Learning Through Technology program is delivered through community groups, partner agencies and schools. Any group of between 10 to 20 people can take advantage of this program. This method of program delivery continues NTR's mission of empowering small organizations, and permits companies or concerned individuals to coordinate groups of students and become project sponsors.

This approach also ensures that learning opportunities extend beyond the end of the Learning Through Technology class, as most sponsoring organizations provide their students with ongoing technical training and support. In partnership with NTR, program sponsors follow up to make sure that their students acquire the tools to continue learning at home, and to develop the skills they will need to succeed in today's high-tech schools and workplaces.

## Student Demographics

African American .....	76%
European .....	10%
Asian .....	1%
Hispanic .....	2%
Other .....	11%
Female .....	60%
Male .....	40%
Under 21 years old .....	48%
21 - 60 years old .....	48%
Over 60 years old .....	4%

## Workshop Sponsors

Albanian Christians International Correspondence Institute  
 Boone Community Family Center  
 Carson Valley School  
 Center Post Village Neighborhood Network  
 Community College of Philadelphia  
 Educational Data Systems  
 Elwyn Inc., Wraparound  
 Federation Day Care  
 Gear-Up For Robotics Program (Philadelphia School District)  
 Greater Canaan Church of God in Christ  
 Hawthorne Family Center  
 Helping Hand  
 HOPE Family Center  
 Huey Family Center  
 Jones Tabernacle AME Church (funded by the Office of State Representative Jewell Williams)  
 Little Apple Club, Inc.  
 W.E. Martin Production Company (an affiliate of Macedonia Baptist Church)  
 Mental Health Association Mainstream Project  
 Methodist Services to Children & Families  
 Montgomery Townhouses  
 Nationalities Service Center  
 Neighbors United Against Drugs  
 Temple University New Choices / New Options Program  
 North Penn Civic Association Resident Coalitions  
 North Philadelphia Financial Partnership  
 Program Employing People  
 Project HOME (St. Elisabeth's)  
 Providence Baptist Church  
 Tigerman Productions  
 Unison TV Kids  
 Woodland Community Development Corporation  
 YWCA of Germantown  
 YWCA of Philadelphia

## Technical Support Clients

Clay Studio  
 Greater Philadelphia Federation of Settlements  
 New Jerusalem Laura  
 Rosenbach Museum  
 Travelers Aid Society

## Technical Support

NTR's **Technical Support** program offers on-site hardware and software trouble-shooting to nonprofit agencies, provided by our staff technicians.

# Unison TV Kids of Delaware County

Unison TV Kids, Inc., of Delaware County, educates youth about current social issues and provides an opportunity for their creative expression through live and recorded television productions. Participants are exposed to many new things, including musical instruments, voice, drama, dance, choreography, photography, painting, mime, and cinematography. Over 50 members of Unison's community of parents and children have taken computer hardware classes and received free or low-cost computers through NTR's Learning Through Technology program since 1999. Twelve Unison children received free computers this year through LTT, thanks to funding from The Fourjay Foundation and the Elsie Lee Garthwaite Memorial Foundation.



Two of the "Unison TV Kids" of Delaware County (above) take center stage at a Learning Through Technology hardware workshop. On the right is Jeremy Holder, a versatile vocalist with gospel roots. Jeremy's talents won him a spot on national television in Star Search in April 2003. On the left is young rapper Brandon "Little Drag" Rutherford.



Cynthia McClary, hostess of Unison's television program, helps one of the Unison TV Kids at a workshop held at NTR.

## Consulting Clients

Carpenter Hall  
Clay Studio  
Creative Access  
Crozer Library  
CTCNet  
New Jerusalem Laura  
The Philadelphia School  
Women's Institute for Family Health

## Consulting Services

NTR's **Information Systems Design Services** program provides database systems that enable nonprofit organizations to better manage their service records and improve their capability to generate reports that document their efforts. We design fund-raising and other database systems, assist in evaluating software needs, and help agencies select software to purchase. This service is provided by our professional staff.



Jeremy Holder and his mom, Mary Bailey, taking home their new computer after attending workshop at NTR.

## Training Clients

Hope Family Center  
North Philadelphia Financial Partnership  
Teaming for Technology program  
at United Way of SEPA

## Software Training

NTR's **At Your Convenience** program offers training to nonprofit agencies when they need it. Training sessions are conducted by our professional staff, either at the client's location or in NTR's computer lab.

# Foundation-Funded Free Computer Projects

## Funding of LTT for Children and Youth

NTR delivers most of its refurbished computers through partnerships with community organizations. Most of these groups collect the class fees from the participants. These fees typically amount to about \$200 for each student receiving a computer. Each computer recipient is invited to bring additional family members to the class at no charge. Some groups are able to fund part of these costs for their members. And a few obtain funding through grants from foundations or government agencies.

Of 692 people served this year, 339 were children. NTR was able to reach many of these children through foundation grants known to have been awarded to (and administered by) the sponsoring organizations or by grants to NTR. Two thirds of participants in funded classes were children. Grant funding covered 87% of all the children served through Learning Through Technology. Reaching this important group appears to depend upon such funding.

## Funding Obtained by NTR

NTR is grateful to all the individuals and companies that helped to fund our efforts to bring technology access to our community. We are especially grateful to the foundations and corporations whose generous gifts provided the bulk of the financial assistance that allowed NTR to deliver 23 Learning Through Technology classes this year, serving 278 students, at no cost to participants or their sponsoring organizations.

## Plans for 2003

In fiscal year 2003, NTR expects to place at least 750 computers with low-income families through LTT. 175 of these will be funded through foundations, which will allow us to seek a three-to-one matching gift from the state's Digital Divide program. Pickup, warehousing and refurbishing involves accepting about three computers for each one placed with a client. Machines that are not functional are used for parts or



*NTR instructor, Michael Goldsmith, leads a workshop in Learning Through Technology for families receiving foundation-funded free computers in a "Tigerman" class.*

capacity, and to provide more service learning opportunities and paid internships for low-income high school students. NTR will continue to build support for the LTT program through collaborations with community organizations, educational institutions and volunteers from technology-based industries.



simply passed along to a recycling firm.

Based on research and experience, the need for Learning Through Technology in the community remains strong. Financial support for classes is necessary in order for LTT to serve 750 people next year, because most of the students that need our services cannot afford to participate. Support is also needed in order for LTT to expand its service

## Organizations Distributing Free Computers

Boone Community Family Center  
Gear-Up For Robotics Program (Philadelphia School District)  
Greater Canaan Church of God in Christ  
W.E. Martin Production Company (an affiliate of Macedonia Baptist Church)  
Methodist Services to Children & Families  
North Penn Civic Association Resident Coalitions  
Project H.O.M.E.  
Tigerman Productions  
Unison TV Kids  
YWCA of Germantown

## Major Gifts

The 1957 Charity Trust  
The Solomon & Sylvia Bronstein Foundation  
The Claneil Foundation  
The Fourjay Foundation  
The Elsie Lee Garthwaite Memorial Foundation  
The Hamilton Family Foundation  
Patricia Kind Family Foundation  
The Rittenhouse Foundation  
Caroline J.S. Sanders Charitable Trust No. 1  
Joseph Kennard Skilling Foundation  
Verizon Corporation

## Foundations and Corporations

NTR received \$60,250 in gifts this year from private foundations and corporations, of which \$38,250 supported Free Computer projects in the Learning Through Technology program. Most of our Free Computer projects provide Internet-ready computers to children from low-income families.

## Gear Up for Robotics



*NTR instructor Greg Stubblefield (left) poses with a group of students and teachers from the Gear Up for Robotics program. Teachers, from left, are Ms. Susette Van Dunk, Ms. Velda Morris and Mrs. Kendall Johnson-McArthur.*

Gear Up for Robotics, a program offered by the School District of Philadelphia through private funding, supports middle school students as they become young inventors and engineers and develop teamwork, problem solving, and mechanical skills. Together, they put together and illustrate robots using circuit boards, gears, motors, wheels, and sensors. In July of 2002, 60 children in this program received free computers through LTT, thanks to funding from The Solomon and Sylvia Bronstein Foundation and The Claneil Foundation.



*Philadelphia Mayor John Street joins visitors to NTR's booth at Channel 10's Tech Fest, in December 2001. In costume for the event is Mark Anthony Ciarlante as "Tigerman," the "Nonviolent Superhero," who takes his inspirational message to Philadelphia schools and helps NTR place computers with low-income children. Three middle school students associated with the W.E. Martin Production Company helped us reach out to visitors, asking, "Would you like to see what is inside a computer?" The kids had so much fun showing people what is inside a computer that they didn't want to leave.*

## Major Hardware Donors

AAA Mid-Atlantic  
 Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, LLP  
 Apple Vacations  
 Alternative Resources Corp.  
 Ashton Technology  
 Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Church  
 Brock and Company, Inc.  
 Catholic Social Services  
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 Electronic Boutique  
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 PAT America, Inc.  
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 Philadelphia Veteran Multi-Service & Education  
 Philadelphia Digital Divide Network  
 Philadelphia Federal Credit Union  
 Philadelphia Museum of Art  
 The Philadelphia School  
 Philadelphia Phillies Veterans Stadium  
 Presbyterian Church Board of Pensions  
 Rancocas Hospital  
 Reed Smith, LLP  
 Reimbursement Technologies  
 Social Equality, Inc.  
 Tactix Real Estate Advisors  
 Taylor & Frances  
 Universal Technical Resource Services, Inc.  
 Valley Forge National Historical Park  
 ViroPharma, Inc.  
 William Penn Charter School



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## **Help Your Community**

Are you interested in bringing computers and technical training to needy people in your workplace, or in the neighborhoods where you live, work, play and worship?

### **Affordable Computers**

NTR offers computers, monitors, printers and parts, at low cost – and sometimes at no cost (when we've obtained funding from a corporation or foundation) – to people in Philadelphia and surrounding counties;

### **Learning Opportunities**

NTR offers opportunities for high school students and adults to gain experience as computer technicians while helping to refurbish donated computers for distribution through community organizations;

### **Recycle Your Old Computer**

NTR accepts donations of used computer equipment.

### **Services for Community Organizations**

With more than 25 years of experience, NTR has helped hundreds of small community-based organizations make sense out of the bewildering promise of computers.

### **TARGET**

The Technology Access Resource Giving Employment Training program collaborates with schools to offer internships to aspiring computer technicians.

### **LTT**

The Learning Through Technology program provides low-cost computers to any 10 or more people who come to us as a group.

### **CAP**

The Computer Adoption Program makes administrative computers available to the staff of nonprofit organizations.

### **CLAP**

The Computer Lab Access Program provides 10 Pentium computers, a laser printer and a hub to nonprofit groups desiring a low-cost computer training facility.

### **Technical Support**

Consulting and training services are available to nonprofit organizations.

### **Contact Us**

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