We Bought Computers. Now What?

Congratulations!
By providing devices, you are making a significant contribution to digital inclusion. There are several considerations when preparing to receive and deliver technology.

1 Preparation
Arrange for an area and furniture, if needed, for the computers' arrival. Assign staff to unpack and check the condition. Determine if additional software or special configurations are required.

2 Distribution
Decide on the criteria of who will receive computers and how recipients will be notified. Create a data collection form to track computers.

3 Documentation
We highly recommend that recipients and your organization sign a receipt when the computer is delivered and take a photo of the moment—great for reporting and fundraising purposes. For loaned equipment, a loan agreement should be signed.

4 Support
Provide an orientation for recipients to the technology. Review the technical support that many refurbishers' provide.

5 Education
Offer digital literacy classes or partner with a nonprofit organization to help recipients develop digital skills.

Devices are only one part of digital inclusion. Do users have broadband access? How will they build digital literacy skills?

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