



TDI Connect – formerly the Trenton Digital Initiative (TDI) – is an all-volunteer organization that is part of the United Way of Greater Mercer County, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

TDI Connect refurbishes computers donated by organizations and distributes them, free of charge, in collaboration with greater Trenton school and community initiatives.

We work in conjunction with the Comcast Internet Essentials program (*InternetEssentials.com*) so that qualifying people can gain high-speed Internet access for only \$9.95 a month.

At TDI Connect, we think everyone deserves access to today's learning and opportunities available through the internet. We have distributed over 1200 computers through our partners and collaborations, and are always seeking computers and monetary donations to expand our mission.



Partnerships and Collaborations

TDI Connect works with organizations and groups to get PCs and internet access into the community. A few of our collaborations include:

- Mercer Street Friends
- Pennrose Properties - Rush Crossing
- Trenton Literacy Movement
- Big Brothers and Big Sisters
- Boys & Girls Club
- Police Explorers
- V.A.S.T.
- Trenton Public Library/Men for Hope
- Gregory School
- Smith Family Foundation

Computer Donations

TDI Connect accepts donated computers with these specifications:

- 64-bit processor
- Core I3 and above
- 4GB RAM or more
- No hard drive is needed (typically these are removed for data security purposes prior to donation)

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Who Receives Our Refurbished PCs

In 2019 we delivered 485 PCs (175 laptops and 310 desktops) in collaboration with 27 different non-profit and educational organizations working within our geographic area. Here is a sample of organizations we worked with and the usage of the PCs we donated forward through these groups.

Computer Labs and Learning Centers (mobile and stationary)

- A Better Way – to help provide new skills and opportunities for people returning from incarceration
- Children’s Home Society of NJ – to support their Family Resource Centers
- Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund (LALDEF) – for their PC-supported education courses
- Westminster Presbyterian – supporting their after school reading program lab
- Help Self CDC – building their capability to offer technical and online supported classes

Supporting College and College-bound students

- Working with the Smith Family Foundation on their program to support local first-in-their-family students going to college. We provided 85 laptops as part of the support program
- Working with Mercer County Community College, over 140 local students who do not have access to PCs at home to continue their studies were provided PCs

Community and Education Programs

- The Trenton Literacy Movement works through after school programs in 13 elementary schools across Trenton to help achieve on and above grade reading skills to second and third grade students. We provide PCs to the students who do not have access to PCs at home to continue and build on their skills.
- HomeWorks provide an innovative way of supporting growth in students and we provide each of the students a laptop so that they can fully engage in the learning opportunities provided through HomeWorks.
- Rush Crossing is a low income housing development and we work with the developer, Penrose Properties, to provide PCs and basic computer literacy training for residents who do not have a PC at home
- Foundation Academy have a series of programs in innovation and entrepreneurship for their students. Where the students do not already have access to PCs at home, we provided program participants the PCs.
- Working with Shiloh CDC we provide PCs to completing students in their web development and BSD computer-based coding courses
- Working with Mercer Street Friends, Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army and Catholic Charities to provide PCs to identified families that do not have access to the internet at home and can, through the groups various programs, benefit from having access to a PC at home
- Working with United Way, Mercer Street Friends and the Smith Family Foundation, PCs are provided to program attendees at Rivera School, Mott School and Sprout U School of the Arts