

Reusing Computers

Temple College has undertaken a project to refurbish and redistribute donated PC computers back into the community. Some of the “new” systems go to our students for their use at college. They are able to borrow a system on a semester-by-semester basis to help with their classes. From May 2006 to May 2008 some 350 loans were made available to TC students.



Other systems have gone back into the community through various public service organizations. The Temple-Belton Central Texas Housing Consortium has received over 200 systems, helping their clients with computer training and using the systems to improve their lives. Other systems have gone to church groups, various drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers, and even outside the country to Haiti and Mexico.

Benefits

- Excellent training for TC students
- Sense of fulfillment for students
- Helping those who need help most
- Crossing the digital divide
- Reuse rather than destroy
- Avoid landfill and hazardous waste problems
- Return support to community
- Closing the technological gap

Future Outlook

- Increased demand—more online classes
- More agencies discovering program
- Reduced donations due to economic slowdown
- Increased need throughout the community
- More system donations required
- “Payback” to the community

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Business Advantages

- Save computers from landfill
- Reduce storage cost of old systems
- Safe data destruction
- Recycling in accordance with EPA guidelines
- Reduce liability – data and hazardous materials
- Tax write-off
- Good publicity



Temple College does not discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, race, color, age, religion, national origin or veteran status.

Refurbish and Redistribute

- Reuse systems, don't throw them away
- Help support community
- Avoid hazardous waste problems/costs
- Reduce storage costs
- Safe data destruction
- Tax advantages
- Great publicity
- Doing right thing for right reasons



Computer lab set up in
Piedras Negras, Mexico

Help Us Expand Our Program

- Donate your systems
- We'll assure data destruction
- Keep systems out of landfill
- Redistribute within community
- Satisfy EPA E-waste requirements
- Save money on storage costs
- Increase community good will



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