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Connected Tennessee presents new computers

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Connected Tennessee's Computers 4 Kids has donated 79 new Dell computers to deserving families in Maury, Marshall and Giles counties.

Computers 4 Kids is an innovative project designed to positively impact the future of disadvantaged children in Tennessee by distributing computers to children and families facing economic challenges, are in the foster care system or that struggle with behavioral disorders and other issues.

Working with the Department of Human Services, C4K has targeted families that are meeting their work requirement in the Families First Program. The Families First program emphasizes work, training and personal responsibility.

Rep. Tom DuBois, 64th House District; Nancy Johnson, family assistance district director, District 5 DHS; Sheryl Jordan, director of Career Center Services, South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance; and Michael Ramage, executive director, Connected Tennessee, were on hand for the event Monday at the Maury County Department of Human Services.

Almost half of the low-income families in Tennessee cite a lack of a computer at home as the reason they are not accessing the Internet. Computers 4 Kids is intended to help bridge the gap between those who can afford computers and those who cannot, while allowing thousands of disadvantaged Tennessee children and families the opportunity to participate in the educational, economic and civic opportunities made available by having a computer in the home.