



Free Laptops For Foster Children

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One hundred eighty-five brand new laptop computers will be given out in Memphis this Thursday.

The computers are being given out by Computers 4 Kids, a non-profit group with a goal to give out 1,000 computers over the next three years. Computers are given to low income families, those in the foster care system or that struggle with behavioral disorders and other issues.

One hundred eighty-five foster children will be given the computers at a ceremony at Cathedral of Faith Community Church on Jackson Avenue in Memphis.

According to Computers 4 Kids, "The recipients were recommended by the Department of Children's Services (DCS) based on specified behavioral and academic expectations."

The group says, "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."