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Help continue our mission beyond August 2013

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Federal funding for the Texas Connects Coalition ends in August, but there is more work to be done. Help us continue the work with a donation.

Texas Connects Coalition Numbers
as of March 2013:

92 public computer centers

20,000+ average users per week

1,678 new and updated computers

1,261,078 total participants

167,133 training participants

2,157,878 hours of training

We serve 17 Texas counties as the lead organization of the Texas Connects Coalition, a nonprofit collaboration bringing technology tools and training to underserved communities.

15th Anniversary Celebration: April 17

Please join us Wednesday April 17 at 11:30am at *La Colombe d'Or* as we honor the vision of Andrew J. Clark III and F. Scott Yeager and celebrate TFA's 15th Anniversary! Cocktail reception and silent auction begin at 11am, followed by a luncheon from 11:30am to 1:30pm.   For tickets and more information, please visit the website.

Technology For All Recognized by Computerworld as a 2013 Computerworld Honors Laureate

On March 19th IDG's Computerworld Honors Program announced Technology For All as a 2013 Laureate. The annual award program honors visionary applications of information technology promoting positive social, economic and educational change.

"Technology continues to play a pivotal role in transforming how business and society functions. For the past 25 years the Computerworld Honors Program has had the privilege of celebrating innovative IT achievements," said John Amato, vice president & publisher, Computerworld. "Computerworld is honored to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the 2013 class of Laureates and to share their work. These projects demonstrate how IT can advance organizations' ability to compete, innovate, communicate and prosper."

"Our organization is honored to be recognized as a 2013 Computerworld Honors Laureate", said Dr. Will Reed, President and CEO of Technology For All. "This is a tribute to our staff and volunteers who work tirelessly to create opportunities for low-income and underserved persons so that they can fully participate in today's digital world -- opportunities that many of us take for granted."

The award recognizes the achievements of the *Texas Connects Coalition Project*, a partnership between Technology For All and

Austin Free-Net, which has established 92 Public Computer Centers (PCCs) across 17 Texas counties and has impacted over 1 million users to-date. By providing access to computers with high-speed internet plus free digital literacy training, the Texas Connects Coalition is eliminating barriers to education and making a positive impact on the economy.

Since 1997, Technology For All has been working to empower low-income and under-resourced communities through the tools of technology. TFA also operates an innovative broadband wireless network with Rice University that serves the community around its office in Houston, Texas.

The Computerworld Honors Program awards will be presented at the Gala Evening and Awards Ceremony on June 3, 2013 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

One Million Users Served!

Technology For All and Austin Free-Net, through the Texas Connects Coalition (TXC2), achieved a major milestone recently by serving one million users at free Public Computer Centers across the state.

"We could not reach this milestone without the inspiring work and expertise of our Program Specialists. They train users in many new skills in many different communities. Thanks to them, the Texas Connects Coalition is cementing its place as the leader of digital inclusion in Texas," says Dr. Will Reed, CEO and President of Technology For All, and Managing Director of TXC2.

To celebrate, three of our locations hosted Open Houses January 31st with special demonstrations, tours and light refreshments.

Fran Hunter, a TFA Program Specialist, at the Smithville Open House Event

February 5 Celebration at Rice University

Also to mark the occasion, on Tuesday, February 5th, Technology For All hosted what will become an annual event to showcase the mission and the program impact to local political and business leadership. The event was attended by well over 70 people, including members of Houston City Council, Judges and key staff. Area leaders from major corporations were also in attendance. Special thanks to our sponsors, Rice University, Frankie B. Mandola, Catering, members of the Texas Medical Center Orchestra and Leon Sierra of Mid-State Wine.

Trivioke Extravaganzafest a success!

Event chairs and hosts Greg Gomez and David Yeager are "Born to Run"

Check out more photos on our Facebook site

TFA welcomed dozens of young professionals at our First Annual Trivioke Extravaganzafest Fun-raiser on March 12 at Karbach Brewing Company. "*Trivi-what-ke*", you say? The event featured Trivioke – a sequence of trivia and karaoke rounds – plus Russo's Pizza and Karbach Brewery beer on-tap. David Yeager, son of TFA founder F. Scott Yeager, envisioned the event and helped carry it off with great success, introducing many young professionals to Technology For All's mission. Look for it to become an annual event and join us next year at the 2nd Annual Trivioke Extravaganzafest!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the event a success and to our sponsors: Karbach Brewing Company and Russo's New York Pizzeria.