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## COMPUTERS 4 PEOPLE OFFICIALLY OPENS NEW WALTHAM, MA OFFICE

New office space promises to deliver more than 1,500 computers to foster digital equity in Massachusetts

**WALTHAM, MA - April 30, 2024** - Computers 4 People, a leading tech non-profit fostering digital equity, opened its new office today in Waltham, MA. Individuals and organizations across the state of Massachusetts are encouraged to donate e-waste and devices, which will be refurbished and redistributed to support the Metro North community.

"There are an estimated half a million people without a laptop or desktop in Massachusetts, and this office will provide a lifeline for individuals and families across urban and rural communities," said Dylan Zajac, Founder and Executive Director of Computers 4 People. "This is a huge step forward not just for us but for like-minded organizations."

Plans for the new office were spurred by a grant from the Massachusetts Broadband Institute and will include: A conference room, offices, a motherboard wall, a mural detailing the company's history, as well as a refurbishing room – which will be leveraged to serve under-resourced communities, handle e-waste management, and create volunteer opportunities.

"Our administration has been working hard to close the digital divide across the state and ensure all of our communities have access to the internet and the crucial information and resources that come with it," said Lieutenant Governor Kim Driscoll. "We're proud to support organizations like Computers 4 People that will help us move forward on those goals. Welcome to Waltham!"

To extend their services to underserved communities, Computers 4 People is partnering with local MA organizations to tackle digital equity and e-waste challenges.

"The MassHire Metro North Workforce Board's Work to Thrive initiative is looking forward to the opportunity to help bridge the digital divide through its partnership with Computers 4 People," said MassHire Metro North Workforce Board President and CEO Chris Albrizio-Lee. "The services and resources that Computers 4 People will provide for our Digital Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Consortium will be critical to ensuring the success of this critically important initiative."

The new office is expected to first begin serving the Metro North area, with the goal of expanding to Boston and the greater Boston area in the future.

For information on how to donate devices, visit <a href="https://www.computers4people.org/donate">https://www.computers4people.org/donate</a>

**About Computers 4 People**: Computers 4 People is a non-profit organization committed to unlocking access to the digital world by repurposing e-waste into educational tools for under-resourced communities in MA, NJ, and NYC. Learn more at <a href="https://www.computers4people.org">www.computers4people.org</a>