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WHO WE ARE



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"RCT has really allowed me to enhance learning in the classroom to a deeper level, by creating a more unique aspect to the overall experience, it's really wonderful to see their level of engagement rise, to know they're absorbing the material fully and really grasping the concepts!"

- Eric Daviau, Computer Engineering Teacher, Milton District High School

"Without the computers from RCT, our independent school would not have computers for the students' use at all. We are now able to devote a classroom to a computer lab for all of the students to use as part of their learning. We have a class in our lab 2/3 of the school day, every day!"

- Wilma Van Barneveld, Northumberland Christian School We are a non-profit, charitable organization that delivers renewed computers to schools, First Nation bands, charities, non-profits and qualifying individuals and families across Ontario. We provide this equipment through the Government of Canada's Computers for Schools Plus (CFS+) program, which has been successfully operating for 27 years.

Launched in 1993 by Industry Canada, Computers for Schools Plus (CFS+) is a national, federal government-led initiative that operates in cooperation with a network of non-profit organizations across all provinces and territories, and in Ontario, through Renewed Computer Technology.

We believe in the potential of our youth, giving them the opportunity to develop and expand their skills through our CFS+ Intern program. We provide paid work experience to 55 interns per year for youth aged 16-30.

When you are ready to donate, please complete the donation form, found <u>here!</u>

A note from a donor

"We selected RCT because of their solid reputation and because of their support to the community. It feels great knowing that these computers are going back into the hands of our community, whether to schools, libraries, charities, not-for-profits, or families."

- Jonathon Dent, Donor, Senior Vice President, CIBC



Shauna McCaffrey, Tony Panoff CIBC & Carmine Peracchia YCDSB





WHAT WE DO

Donations of used computers are our life-blood and vital to the success of our work. As leaders in environmental stewardship, we focus our efforts on first renewing all computer donations, by working to refurbish each unit to extend its life cycle for additional years of meaningful use.

We receive donations from federal departments and agencies that make surplus computer equipment available to us through the Computers for Schools Plus program as part of the Federal Electronic Waste Strategy. We have first-right of refusal for all donated technology, as mandated by the federal government. The generous support we receive from our donors, such as the Department of National Defence, Canada Revenue Agency, and many corporate donors such as Telus, and CIBC, ensure that we have the technology to meet the growing need for computers in Ontario.

Every donation that comes through our doors is an opportunity for our youth interns to develop new skills related to their careers in technology. These are the individuals who are responsible for renewing each computer distributed through our programs.

We provide these renewed computers directly to schools, school boards, charities, not-for-profits, family centres, settlement and Indigenous organizations, through the Computer for Schools Plus program. We also provide qualifying individuals and families that these organizations support with computers through our Outreach program.



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"RCT has helped DSBN as a powerful support for teacher/classroom strategies. With RCT's support, a greater variety of tech enabled learning has been introduced to our classrooms. We enjoy the vision, passion and commitment provided by RCT in partnership for our school community!"

- Dino Miele, Chief Information Officer, District School Board of Niagara

Thank you RCT for giving computers to my school! We are so happy. Without them some people at our school would not have access to computers at all throughout the school day. Because of RCT we can now successfully complete our schoolwork!"

- Dhvani, Student, Grade 6, Centennial Sr. School





THE DONATION PROCESS

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"RCT has allowed our organization to help put our young students on the track for success at school. We have focused on giving our high school students the means to do their school work. During this pandemic time, access to technology was crucial and fortunately, the students we help were already set up with laptops so their transition to the online learning format was not impeded!"

– Jennifer Monte, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

"As a non-profit charity, technology is paramount to our ability to do our job. Our desktops were ten years old, and suddenly stopped working. I came across RCT - it changed everything. My staff now have newly refurbished desktops that are compatible with our database and will serve us well for years to come!"

- Elizabeth Pierce, Catholic Family Services Services of Durham When donated computers arrive at an RCT facility, they are unpacked, counted, sometimes re-skidded and moved to the appropriate secure storage area. All RCT facilities are locked, have alarm systems and follow the RCT security policy which captures Federal government requirements and Electronic Reuse and Refurbishing Standard (ERRS) requirements.

To ensure data sanitization of the hard drive, RCT uses a device provided to us by the Federal Government called a Destroyinator (for more information please refer to page 4).

RCT is certified as a Reuse & Refurbishment organization and a Collector under the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Program. RCT is an approved and audited recycler that meets the Ontario Ministry of the Environment's standards.

It takes roughly 240 kg (530 pounds) of fossil fuels; 22 kg (48 pounds) of chemicals and 5 tons of water to manufacture a brand new computer. This makes #Reuse the most sustainable practice as it extends the life cycle of technology while also reducing the manufacturing of a brand new computer, ultimately reducing our carbon footprint!





MORE ON THE Donation process

Security is a major concern for many of our donors. Below is the step-by-step process we follow when securing and wiping a donation with hard drives.

1. When donated computers arrive at RCT, each donation is counted, skidded and moved to our secure holding area in our warehouse. Our warehouse and offices are locked, have alarm systems, and follow Federal government and WEEE Reuse and Refurbishment Standard requirements.

2. Once the computers are required for orders, we pull the skid from our secure holding area and the skid goes to the detailing team. The detailing team will then check each unit and remove RAM and hard drives. The hard drives are passed to our Senior Technicians. They oversee the wiping of each hard drive we receive. All hard drives are removed and are stored in a separate secure area.

3. Hard Drives are wiped using a Destroyinator device. These devices are wiped using the CSEC ITSG-06 3 Pass method with a 10% verification of erasure and a 100% sector verification. Solid State Drives are also wiped with the Destroyinator, using the built-in Secure Erase function with 100% verification of erasure and 100% sector verification. The Machine uses KillDisk Industrial and it is NIST 800-88 compliant, supporting various different standards of wiping methodology including US DoD 5220.22 and CSEC ITSG-06.

4. Once the hard drives are wiped, they are put into our inventory so they can be used for future orders.



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Since 1993, nearly 1.8 million computers have been renewed and delivered across Canada, with over 500,000 in Ontario alone. We also, diverted over 22 million pounds of e-waste from landfills, along with saving 478 million gallons of gas and 10 million barrels of oil!

One of the accomplishments we are most proud of reflects our reach and the impact we make in the province. In 2021, we supported over 400 schools, boards, charities, and not-for-profit organizations, while also working with over 90 partners - representing social services, employment, immigration, and settlement organizations – helping their clients access computers, in over 100 cities in Ontario.

In addition, in 2021, we supported 15 First Nations located in northern Ontario. One First Nation we supported is located 1490 KM from our Mississauga office, and is the most northern, permanent settlement in Ontario: Fort Severn.

Chief Paul Burke, Fort Severn First Nation

"As the most isolated First Nation in Ontario, we are often overlooked. We are so happy you reached out to us, and you are helping us reach our technology goals: improving the quality of education and training for our youth! Thank you"

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"Thank you RCT, we are so grateful for the donations of laptops that we got for the Syrian Refugee Initiative. Clients used them to communicate with families and friends back home. They also helped with completing school work and paying bills online. I would encourage and recommend RCT to any and all organizations as it really does help the community!"

- Gaitree Oogarah, Kingston Community Health Centre

"Thank you RCT for providing laptop to us. It was very useful and essential in my settlement to Canada. I could connect with family and friends through the internet using the laptop, as well as using it for my studies. I also was able to search information and submit the application for my parents to immigrate to Canada." - Nidal, Client from Immigration

Services Department, YMCA





COMMUNITY IMPACT

SOME OF OUR DONORS, INCLUDING CORPORATIONS, FEDERAL, REGIONAL, AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT:

APOTEX

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Guelph Collegiate and Vocational Institute Cambridge Christian School Don Valley Junior High School St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School Silverthorn Collegiate Institute Milton District High School Joseph Brant Public School Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School Burlington Central High School. Sir John A. MacDonald Secondary School Caledon Central Public School Centennial Senior Public School Waterloo Collegiate Institute York Region District School Board Peel District School Board Marc Garneau Collegiate Institute The Neighbourhood Group Royal Canadian Legion Pathways Skill Development Better Living Health YMCA Access Capital Community Fund Dorset Park Community Hub Humewood House Hope House Lets Get Together North York Harvest Food Bank Arab Community Centre Economic and Social Council of Ottawa-Carleton London Cross Cultural Community Health Newcomer Centre of Peel Home Sweet Hope Lac Seul First Nation Ontario Association of Food Banks (OAFB) Orillia Learning Centre Vanier Community resource Centre **Rideauwood Addiction Family Services** STRIDE **Deaf Cultural Centre** Newcomer Womens Services of Toronto Wasauksing First Nation



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