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Bridging the Gap partners with South Bend community to distribute computers and internet access to over 150 students and families

December 17, 2019 - Bridging the Gap is hosting a technology distribution event to provide computers and internet to over 150 eligible families in South Bend, IN.

[Bridging the Gap](#) is a nonprofit-led initiative of PCs for People and Mobile Beacon that helps community anchor institutions like housing authorities, schools, libraries, and nonprofits provide affordable computers and Educational Broadband Service (EBS) internet to pre-selected eligible individuals and families from Darden Elementary School, Coquillard Elementary School, Madison STEAM Academy.

The Bridging the Gap distribution event will occur on **Wednesday, December 18th starting at 3 PM** at South Bend Technology Resource Center in South Bend, IN. Bridging the Gap will distribute 150 computers and 150 mobile hotspots with three months of unlimited internet service to selected families and individuals from the school community.

"Thank you to all the national and local partners who came together to make this event happen. It's refurbishing efforts this one that help address the digital divide in our city, making essential tasks like applying for jobs and doing homework easier for local families." - Denise Linn Riedl, Chief Innovation Officer.

This event is taking place thanks to a partnership between Bridging the Gap, South Bend Public Schools, The City of South Bend, And South Bend Technology Resource Center.

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About Mobile Beacon:

Mobile Beacon provides high-speed, low-cost, mobile internet access to the anchors of communities: the nonprofits, schools, libraries, and healthcare organizations that provide vital services to millions of Americans every day. Through this broadband service, organizations have an essential tool to fulfill their missions and maximize their philanthropic impact, which allows organizations to access more information, reach more people, and help more in their communities. Learn more at www.mobilebeacon.org.

About PCs for People:

Since 1998, PCs for People has been a driving force behind digital inclusion efforts across the US. We are a self-sustainable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a national reach. Self-sustainability is driven by our four step approach - Source, Refurbish, Distribute, and Support. With strong partnerships and dedicated staff, 250,000+ computers have been distributed, 128,000+ homes have internet access, and millions of pounds of electronics have been responsibly recycled. Our corporate services include secure IT asset disposition and AAA NAID certified data sanitization. Learn more at www.pcsforpeople.org.