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QBE Foundation Awards Tech Goes Home Grant to Advance Digital Equity Throughout Eastern Massachusetts

BOSTON, March 10 – <u>Tech Goes Home</u> (TGH), a Boston-based non-profit working to address digital inequity, announced today that it has received \$100,000 from the QBE Foundation, the philanthropic branch of <u>QBE</u>, a global insurance company committed to creating strong, resilient and inclusive communities. The grant will support TGH's work to expand access to the internet, digital devices, and digital skills training for students, families, adults, and seniors in communities throughout Eastern Massachusetts.

Since it was founded in 2000, TGH has provided thousands of learners annually with the tools and training to help them access the immense education, economic, and health opportunities provided by the digital world. Over the past two years, as the COVID-19 pandemic deepened the existing inequities driven by digital exclusion, demand for TGH programming has grown significantly. With the QBE Foundation's support, TGH will be able to further expand the reach of critical programming to help meet that need.

"We are incredibly grateful for the QBE Foundation's generous support," said TGH co-CEO Theodora Hanna. "Having access to the internet, digital devices and digital skills required to use those tools is essential to opening up tremendous opportunities for people of all ages and at all stages of their education, careers, and lives. QBE's grant will help us play a critical part to advance digital equity in our communities."

"We are proud to support Tech Goes Home in their fight to address digital inequity," said Todd Jones, CEO of QBE North America. "Creating strong, resilient, and more inclusive communities is at the heart of our Foundation's mission, and empowering people with the digital tools they need to pursue economic opportunity is a critical piece of that work."

About TGH

Tech Goes Home is a nonprofit dedicated to addressing the digital inequities that pose a significant barrier to opportunity and success for thousands of students, workers, and families in Greater Boston and beyond. Working in partnership with schools, healthcare providers, and community organizations, Tech Goes Home provides curated support - including access to digital devices, network connectivity, and robust training in how to utilize digital resources - to help individuals and families pursue economic mobility, support academic achievement, access critical resources, and engage with their community and loved ones. You can learn more about Tech Goes Home's work, and ways to become involved, at techgoeshome.org.

About QBE

QBE North America is a global insurance leader focused on helping customers solve unique risks, so they can focus on what matters most. Part of QBE Insurance Group Limited, QBE North America reported Gross Written Premiums in 2021 of \$6.3 billion. The QBE Foundation, the philanthropic arm of QBE, seeks to improve the resilience and preparedness of our communities. Through long-term partnerships, they help people help themselves, while raising awareness and education around risks. Consequently, people and communities are better equipped to protect themselves. The QBE Foundation is creating strong, resilient and inclusive communities, focusing investments and efforts on two key areas where they can have the greatest impact – climate resilience and inclusion.

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