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Tech Goes Home Recognized as 2020 DOER Honoree for Work to Advance Digital Inclusion in Greater Boston

BOSTON -- Earlier this month, Tech Goes Home (TGH) was recognized by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as one of the inaugural honorees of the Digital Opportunity Equity Recognition (DOER) Program, which highlights the tireless efforts of individuals and organizations across the country working to expand digital inclusion. TGH was recognized for its work "to achieve digital equity by providing the critical trio of digital skills, internet, and a device so individuals can continue their education, apply for jobs and unemployment benefits, order essentials such as food and medicine, and access telehealth."

For decades, digital inequity has denied many families in Massachusetts the chance to succeed and perpetuated academic, economic, and healthcare injustices. Digital exclusion continues to disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color throughout Greater Boston. Tech Goes Home has worked in partnership with schools, healthcare providers, libraries, and community organizations to provide access to digital devices, internet, and skills training, which has helped thousands of families overcome barriers and advance their lives.

As noted by the FCC, "over the last five years, Tech Goes Home has distributed 14,500 new computers in communities across Greater Boston. In 2019, 80% of adult Tech Goes Home graduates were more likely to use the internet for job resources and/or educational purposes. Thanks to Tech Goes Home, 520 unemployed graduates found jobs, and 1,366 adult graduates secured better jobs."

"We are so proud to be recognized as an inaugural DOER honoree," said Tech Goes Home Co-CEO Dan Noyes. "Our team, our instructors, and our partners work exceptionally hard to support communities in Greater Boston that have faced digital exclusion for too long. This work is even more important now during COVID-19, when many still don't have the tools and skills they need to apply for unemployment benefits, find new jobs, access critical services, or connect with loved ones. We look forward to continuing our work to expand innovative, effective solutions that advance digital equity in our communities."

"Around the country, many individuals and organizations are doing tremendous work to address digital inequity; to be recognized as a leader is such an honor," said Theodora Hanna, Co-CEO of Tech Goes Home. "We know how important this work is to our communities. Digital equity is inextricably linked to racial, economic, and education justice. In the face of unprecedented challenges, Tech Goes Home will continue working closely with our instructors and partners to

give everyone in our communities the resources and support they need to take advantage of digital opportunities."

You can learn more about Tech Goes Home's work, and ways to become involved, at techgoeshome.org.

About Tech Goes Home

Founded in 2000, 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 across Greater Boston. 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.