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Tech Goes Home Receives \$650,000 from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center to Address Community Health Needs

BOSTON, January 9, 2024 -- [Tech Goes Home](#) (TGH), a leading nonprofit committed to expanding digital access across Massachusetts, announced today that it received grant funding from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC) to address health needs in the communities the hospital serves. The \$650,000 award will help support TGH's workforce development programming, which provides individuals with a foundation of digital skills to meet their career goals, unlock social and economic mobility, and build healthier communities. The funding will also assist in enhancing TGH program evaluations to ensure future learner success.

"Tech Goes Home is grateful to receive this support from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and we're excited about the opportunities it will help create for our learners," said Dan Noyes, CEO of Tech Goes Home. "The link between digital access, economic security, and improved health outcomes is clearer than ever before, and to close existing gaps in health and wellbeing requires an intentional focus on addressing the digital divide. We are proud to work with BIDMC and Health Resources in Action to address the critical components of digital equity – internet access, high-quality devices, and training – expand TGH's successful programming model, and improve pathways for economic mobility."

"Our partners through the Community-based Health Initiative do tremendous and impactful work every day to address health and social needs," said Pete Healy, President of BIDMC and Divisional President, Metro Boston, Beth Israel Lahey Health. "We are proud to support their ongoing work with our latest round of grants."

Over the next three years, TGH will use the grant funding to support its workforce development-focused digital training courses in the Boston neighborhoods of Roxbury, Chinatown, Allston/Brighton, and Bowdoin/Geneva. Through TGH, learners receive internet at no cost for one year, a tablet or laptop computer, and 15 hours of digital skills training delivered by community-based partners and instructors. TGH workforce development programming includes basic computer skills, navigating job searching portals, and resume building, among other areas. The funding will also be used to enhance TGH's program evaluation process in

partnership with Health Resources in Action, a Boston-based non-profit healthcare consultancy group.

Since 2019, BIDMC has awarded \$18.4 million in grants to invest in the health and well-being of the surrounding community. Through these grants, community partners have helped increase access to healthcare, employment opportunities, and housing options.

About Tech Goes Home: 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 Massachusetts. 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 Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center is a leading academic medical center, where extraordinary care is supported by high-quality education and research. BIDMC is a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School, and consistently ranks as a national leader among independent hospitals in National Institutes of Health funding. BIDMC is the official hospital of the Boston Red Sox.

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center is a part of Beth Israel Lahey Health, a health care system that brings together academic medical centers and teaching hospitals, community and specialty hospitals, more than 4,800 physicians and 38,000 employees in a shared mission to expand access to great care and advance the science and practice of medicine through groundbreaking research and education. <https://www.bidmc.org/>

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