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Tech Goes Home Receives Long-Term Grant from Cummings Foundation to Expand Programming Capacity in Suffolk, Middlesex, and Essex Counties

BOSTON, June 5, 2023 -- Today, <u>Tech Goes Home</u> (TGH), a leading nonprofit working to advance digital equity across Massachusetts, announced it has received a 10 year, \$600,000 grant from <u>Cummings Foundation</u> to expand its programming capacity, specifically in Suffolk, Middlesex and Essex Counties.

In partnership with community-based organizations and a dynamic network of trusted instructors, TGH provides individuals and families with free digital devices (laptops or tablets), reliable internet access for up to a year at no cost, and 15 hours of culturally responsive digital skills training. TGH's ultimate goal is to reach all residents in Massachusetts who face systemic barriers to the digital world and the opportunities it offers for education, economic mobility, health, civic participation, and community connection.

"Tech Goes Home is grateful for the long-term support of Cummings Foundation and excited about what it means for our programing over the next decade," said Dan Noyes, CEO of Tech Goes Home. "Access to reliable internet service, a digital device (not just a cell phone), and the skills to use those tools safely and efficiently have become increasingly critical to overcoming persistent barriers to economic mobility, health care, education, and more. This support from Cummings Foundation will enable us to sustainably and strategically expand our programming and provide even more people in Massachusetts with access to the resources and opportunities afforded by the digital world."

"Massachusetts is fortunate to have organizations like Tech Goes Home, with a proven model and dedicated staff who are leading the way on ensuring digital access for all," said Cummings Foundation Executive Director Joyce Vyriotes. "TGH's work has benefited tens of thousands of people across Boston's MetroNorth and has the potential to benefit thousands more. Cummings Foundation is delighted to reinvest the resources generated by its commercial real estate portfolio back into the communities where its staff and leasing clients live and work."

Among other priorities, funding from Cummings Foundation will help increase TGH's organizational capacity — including staff time, data management, and overhead expenses — and cover costs associated with "learner technology bundles" that include a Chromebook or iPad for each participating household, along with a protective case, mouse for the computers, headset, and, if needed, 12 months of internet access. For young children and their families who receive iPads, this includes vetted educational iPad Apps that are purchased and loaded onto the devices.

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 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 Cummings Foundation

Woburn-based Cummings Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Joyce and Bill Cummings and has grown to be one of the largest private foundations in New England. The Foundation directly operates its own charitable subsidiaries, including New Horizons retirement communities, in Marlborough and Woburn, and Cummings Health Sciences, LLC. Additional information is available at www.CummingsFoundation.org.