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## Tech Goes Home Receives \$250,000 from Patrick J. McGovern Foundation to Expand Digital Equity Across Boston

BOSTON, February 28, – Today, <u>Tech Goes Home</u> (TGH), a Boston-based nonprofit working to advance digital equity, announced that it received a \$250,000 grant from the <u>Patrick J. McGovern Foundation</u>. The grant will be used to boost TGH's digital equity efforts across the City of Boston.

TGH works to increase digital access by providing digital devices, internet access, and digital skills training programs to historically underserved communities. TGH's programming, delivered together with a wide range of community-based partners, has helped thousands of people in Greater Boston and Eastern Massachusetts secure jobs, access telehealth, participate in virtual learning, connect with loved ones, and more. The support will provide additional resources to help expand TGH programs and reach more people in need of digital resources.

"We are so grateful for the support of the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation," said Daniel Noyes, TGH Co-CEO. "In today's world, digital access is critical to employment, education, community building, and finding critical resources. But the availability of broadband, cost of digital devices, and lack of access to culturally-competent digital skills training prevents too many people from taking advantage of opportunities in the digital world. We are working every day with our community-based partners to bridge the gap between where we are today and true digital equity for all of our communities, and the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation's support is key to expanding those efforts to more individuals and families across Boston."

"Digital equity is critical to the long-term health and prosperity of Boston," said Patrick J. McGovern Foundation President Vilas Dhar. "Bostonians deserve equitable access to the devices, connectivity, and skills to share in the prosperity of our digital future. We are proud to partner with Tech Goes Home to build a more inclusive community together."

In 2021, more than 4,100 people graduated from Tech Goes Home courses - the majority of them in Boston and surrounding communities - with reliable internet access, a computer or tablet, and improved skills in everything from navigating Google Suite to participating in telehealth appointments and using Zoom.

## 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 Patrick J. McGovern Foundation**

The Patrick J. McGovern Foundation is a global 21st century philanthropy bridging the frontiers of artificial intelligence, data science, and social impact to create a thriving, equitable, and sustainable future for all. The Foundation's work focuses on bringing together academia, practitioners, and civil society to pursue the potential of AI and data science to address some of the world's most urgent challenges.