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Recycle Old Computers to Support Habitat for Humanity – Greater Columbus on April 24

TechUsed Recycling and 1-800-GOT-JUNK Team Up to Recycle and Help Local Families

Columbus, Ohio – Do you have old computers and other electronics sitting around cluttering your home or business? Are you keeping them because you want to recycle them, but don't know where to take them? Now you can easily recycle while also supporting the work of Habitat for Humanity in Columbus.

On April 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., anyone can drop off old computers and electronics for *free* at TechUsed located at 4231-H Leap Road in Hilliard. TechUsed will accept for recycling old computers, printers, and other computer equipment as well as wire and household electronics. A \$10 fee is required to recycle television sets. All computer donations to TechUsed during April will benefit Habitat.

For businesses with more than a trunk-full of equipment to donate, 1-800-GOT-JUNK will pick up computers and computer equipment for a discounted fee of \$30 per pick up location within the Columbus area. All pick-ups must be pre-scheduled for April 19, 21, 23, 26, 28 or 30 by calling 1-800-GOT-JUNK.

Computer equipment does not have to be in working order to be donated. TechUsed and 1-800-GOT-JUNK will securely destroy all data files on donated equipment as a part of recycling or refurbishing to ensure the privacy of any stored information. Donors may also clear their own computers before donating.

Reusable computers will be refurbished and sold with a portion of the proceeds going to Habitat. Computers that are beyond repair will be disassembled, destroyed and environmentally recycled to divert harmful computer materials such as lead, mercury and PCBs from our local landfill. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of any recycled materials also benefits Habitat for Humanity - Greater Columbus and helps to provide training for Habitat families.

TechUsed is open to the public 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday for donation drop-offs and resale shopping.

Quote from Habitat: "More than 110,000 pounds of recyclable materials were donated last year through this partnership with TechUsed and 1-800-GOT-JUNK. That's thousands of pounds of computers and equipment that was refurbished or environmentally recycled while benefiting Habitat. The monies earned support our *AccessAll Columbus* program which provides refurbished computers, basic software and computer training to Habitat homeowner families. We're so grateful for the support from TechUsed, 1-800-GOT-JUNK and all those who donate. We can all be proud of what we're doing to keep these hazardous materials out of the landfill," said E.J. Thomas, CEO, Habitat for Humanity – Greater Columbus.

Quote from TechUsed: "Families and businesses know that they are doing the right thing by environmentally recycling computers and household electronics. Through this partnership, we hope to make it convenient to donate and easy to support Habitat for Humanity families in our community," said Ron Bragg, president, TechUsed.

Quote from 1-800-GOT-JUNK: “We help businesses recycle every day. We know that it isn’t always easy to figure out what to do with all the old equipment and the stuff that just doesn’t work anymore. So often reusable, recyclable equipment just piles up at businesses or someone tosses it in the trash. In this way, we’re happy to help businesses clean out and support Habitat at the same time,” said Joe Gillotti, owner, 1-800-GOT-JUNK Columbus.

About Habitat. [Habitat for Humanity International](#) (HFHI), and [Habitat for Humanity-Greater Columbus](#) (HFHGC), is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Habitat affiliates work locally in communities around the world to select and support homeowners, organize volunteers and coordinate house building. Since its founding in 1976, Habitat has built more than 350,000 homes worldwide, providing shelter for more than 1.75 million people in 3,000 communities. In the Greater Columbus community, Habitat has built more than 220 homes since 1987. The Greater Columbus Affiliate, through tithing to HFHI, has also helped to build more than 230 homes in developing countries throughout the world.

HFHGC is one of the only housing agencies in Franklin County targeting families who earn 30-60% of median income. HFHGC partner families are chosen after a careful review process during which Habitat assesses their need for housing; their ability to repay a zero-interest, no-profit mortgage and their willingness to partner with Habitat through sweat equity. All partner families are first-time homebuyers who earn 30-60% of the median income for Franklin County and currently live in substandard housing. Every partner family must perform a minimum of 200-250 hours of sweat equity, which includes working on their own house and those of other Habitat families, attending homeownership classes and providing Habitat program support. Every family also assumes a no-interest, no-profit mortgage with payments based on family income. Because HFHGC holds and services these mortgages, Habitat has a long-term relationship with the homeowners and the communities in which they live.

Also supporting HFHGC is [Habitat’s ReStore](#), a resale store that accepts and sells reusable home improvement materials to the general public. Revenue from sales directly offsets 100% of Habitat’s administrative costs and assists in both eliminating substandard housing and creating homeownership in Greater Columbus. Habitat’s ReStore is located at 3140 Westerville Road, 3 miles southwest of Easton; 2 miles south of Morse Road. The store is open to the public Monday-Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

About TechUsed. TechUsed is an asset recovery/electronics recycling company located in Hilliard, Ohio. TechUsed accepts almost any electronic items for recycling free of charge. Due to having to send the CRT tubes from monitors and TV’s out of state for processing, TechUsed charges a small fee for those items containing a glass tube. Drop off hours are 8:30 – 5:00 M-F. Corporate clients nationally depend on TechUsed to ensure the safe, secure and environmentally correct disposal of all their computer and telecommunication equipment. TechUsed provides customized solutions to corporate clients transferring technologies, going through a hardware upgrade or simply looking to reclaim value from retired assets. TechUsed provides companies and individuals with DOD Data Destruction on both hard drives and tape media. In addition, TechUsed offers reverse logistics services to Manufacturers and retail stores allowing these companies to safely dispose of returned, overstocked or discontinued products. TechUsed is located at 4231-H Leap Road, Hilliard, 43026. For more information, visit www.techused.com.

About 1-800-GOT-JUNK? 1-800-GOT-JUNK? is pioneering an industry that is helping people remove junk, regain space and live cleaner lives. Whether it's an old sofa or a pile of junk in the garage, household junk or a commercial clean-out, 1-800-GOT-JUNK? removes it for you. 1-800-GOT-JUNK? is passionate about recycling and donating items to charity to reduce what goes into the landfill. You can trust 1-800-GOT-JUNK? to haul your junk in a quick, efficient, professional manner. For more information, visit www.1800gotjunk.com.

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