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Siemens Canada helps Montreal area residents with donation of more than 480 computers

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Computers refurbished by more than 130 volunteers in St. Laurent and distributed by Salvation Army of Quebec

To celebrate the holiday season, Siemens Canada is giving a second life to more than 480 decommissioned computers by donating them to the charity Corporations For Community Connections (CFCC) for refurbishment and then distribution by the Salvation Army to those in need in the greater Montreal area. Siemens employees and their families, along with charity volunteers joined workshops this past weekend to complete the refurbishment of the computers. The workshops were led by Corporations For Community Connections (CFCC), a registered Canadian charity founded by Siemens employees.



Saint-Laurent's Acting Mayor Francesco Miele, City Councillor for the Côte-de-Liesse district and Leader of the Majority, as well as Josée Chiasson, Director of Economic Development for Saint-Laurent, joined the volunteers on December 2 to help with the refurbishment, which includes secure removal of all data from hard drives, as well as physical cleaning, installation of licensed software and testing.

"What a wonderful way to launch the holiday spirit by giving... whether time, knowledge or material gifts. The Borough is proud to have a company like Siemens among the 4,600 businesses in its territory. Siemens' values are in keeping with those of Saint-Laurent's business community: it is innovative and geared toward new technologies and sustainable development," commented Councillor Miele.

Also joining the workshop was Monique Vallée, City Councillor for the Cecil-P.-Newman district, Member of the Executive Committee responsible for social and community development as well as for homelessness and Member of the Agglomeration Council.



The computers will be distributed by the Salvation Army to clients in need in St. Laurent, Parc-Extension and throughout the greater Montreal area, and will assist recipients with education, training, job searches and obtaining community resources.

"We are grateful to have the opportunity to distribute computers to underprivileged persons. We aim to provide resources for children and vulnerable families in the greater area of Montreal, and most importantly to give them dignity and hope," says Major Grant Effer, Divisional Commander of The Salvation Army in Quebec.

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Over the last four years, Siemens has partnered with CFCC to donate and refurbish more than 1,570 computers and supported 30 charitable organizations and schools, serving more than 7,000 people. More than 350 Siemens Canada employees have volunteered more than 3,000 hours participating in the workshops.

"These computers will connect those who receive them to the vital resources necessary to improve their lives and it's an honour to help make this impact possible," explains Stéphane Chayer, Vice President of Building Technologies for Siemens Canada. "We're thankful to support the valuable work of the Salvation Army and Corporations for Community Connections, while also reducing our environmental impact by diverting electronic waste from landfills."

About Siemens in Canada

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About Corporations for Community Connections, Inc.

Founded in 2010, Corporations For Community Connections, Inc. (CFCC) is a registered charity whose purpose is to refurbish decommissioned corporate computers for donation. To date, CFCC has refurbished over 1,500 computers for donation to 30 charitable organizations serving over 7,000 people. CFCC encourages corporations to adopt refurbishment as a cost effective, socially and environmentally responsible disposal alternative for computers. Website: <http://c4cc.ca/>