

Masonic Angels Provide Computers for Independence House Emergency Residence

Desktops will be used by children, teens staying in emergency facility

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Tom Cole, volunteer chief technician of the Masonic Angel Foundation's Laptops for KidZ project, presents two computers to Chris Morin, Independence House Director of Prevention, Education and Outreach (Independence House photo)

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A volunteer from the **Masonic Angel Foundation's Laptops for KidZ** project stopped by Independence House on Tuesday to deliver two newly-refurbished computers that will be dedicated for use by children and teens staying at the Independence House Emergency Residence.

The Masonic Angel Foundation, founded in Orleans in 1998, is a volunteer-based non-profit that supports children's programs in the community.

Since 2010, the group's Laptops for KidZ project has provided nearly 1,900 refurbished computers to children across the Cape and Southeastern Massachusetts.

Laptops for KidZ computers are refurbished by the MAF's team of volunteer technicians. Hard drives are wiped, necessary repairs are made and each system is configured with a fresh Windows 10 Pro license the Masonic Angels receive as a non-profit member of the Microsoft Registered Refurbisher Program.

The Masonic Angels and Independence House have worked together for many years as opportunities arose. However, the partnership goes back all the way to 1988 when MAF co-founder Robert Fellows donated one of Independence House's very first computers - a venerable Osborne I CP/M "portable".

The computers delivered today will assist children and teens with completing homework and other educational tasks during their stay in the emergency residence.

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