Digital Inclusion in Texas
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MISSION

Together

with nonprofits and community organizations we empower low-income and under-resourced communities through the tools of technology.

Andrew Sheehan
TFA’s 1st Volunteer
April 1998
A BIG thanks from the AAMA ESL Lab

THANK YOU!
Creating opportunities that many of us take for granted
Digital skills = Living wage opportunities
Over 80 percent of Fortune 500 companies require online job applications, including major retail stores like Wal-Mart, Best Buy, Home Depot and Target.
Want a Job?
“Any business you want to be in uses computers. The more you know about them, the bigger your advantage.”

Guillermo, a high school senior and TFA client from a neighborhood with a 65 percent dropout rate.
Since October 2010, TFA and its Texas Connects Coalition partner Austin Free-Net have provided over 2.2 million hours of basic computer skills training to over 175,000 Texans.
TXC2 Project Goals

PCC Sites  70
Installed Workstations  1284
Available Workstations  1361
Training Participants  159,036
Training Hours  314,218
Average Weekly Users  40,930
Site Match Value  $2,671,099
Actuals
Through March 2013

PCC Sites  92
Installed Workstations  1432
Available Workstations  1699
Training Participants  175,196
Training Hours  2,206,304
Average Weekly Users  20,346
Site Match Value  $5,624,305
Over 1.2 million persons have used TXC2 affiliated public computer centers since 2010 – over 20,000 users each week.
Locations of 92 Public Computer Centers

- Austin – Austin Free-Net
- Houston
- San Antonio
- Rural Texas
17 Texas Counties

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Thank You TFA From Esperanza Family Center
The phones and landlines were out, cell services were dropping calls, and if it were not for the computers made available by TFA through the Texas Connects Coalition, we would have been in a quagmire in the ability to communicate,” said Smithville Mayor Mark Bunte. When one of Texas’ worst droughts led to one of Texas’ worst wildfire disasters, the TFA funded computer lab and its employees were an integral part of a Red Cross Evacuation Center.
“Only fifty-four percent of adults with a disability use the Internet, compared to eighty-one percent of adults without any of the survey’s listed disabilities.”

Pew Internet & American Life Project, Americans living with disability and their technology profile (Jan. 2011)
“A lot of the people are enthusiastic to learn about and take advantage of this opportunity, especially for jobs.”

*Imelda, a TFA client rehired in February 2012.*
“Taking [computer] classes was something I thought I needed to do. Now that I’ve taken the class, I can see where I could have used it in the past, especially Internet access. It’s opened up a whole new world for me.”

Tim, a recovering alcoholic, convict, and drug addict who is now working full-time on a job that uses computers
2013 Computerworld Honors Laureate

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