



## **2013 Awards Recommendations**

### **River City Youth Foundation - \$25,000.00, 100% of request**

GTOPS will support *TechComunidad Dove Springs*, a new bilingual digital technology empowerment and mobilization program for low-income parents and children in southeast Austin. Through a culturally sensitive, community learning mobilization approach, families gain 3 things: The Confidence, Basic Skills, and A Tech Product (Access), to immediately improve their lives and their community.

### **Austin Speech Labs - \$25,000.00, 100% of request**

GTOPS will support *Intensive Speech Therapy for Stroke Survivors*, underserved and uninsured Stroke Survivors learn to talk or learn alternate mode of communication through intensive speech and language therapy. Therapy is provided using technology like computer software, and internet. Stroke Survivors regain independence and hope to relive once they learn to communicate.

### **Austin Free-Net - \$24,000.00, 96% of request**

GTOPS will support *Technology Education at ARCH and Trinity Center*; Austin Free-Net will provide free access to Internet-connected computers and free technology education to Austin's homeless at ARCH and Trinity Center.

### **Skillpoint Alliance - \$23,000.00, 92% of request**

GTOPS will support *Empower Computer Literacy Program*; the award-winning Empower computer literacy program provides rapid beginner and intermediate computer training for adults at multiple skill levels. Day and evening classes are offered in both English and Spanish language at multiple locations, including our Mobile Learning center, a satellite equipped trailer that serves as a mobile computer lab.

### **Literacy Coalition of Central Texas - \$22,000.00, 90% of request**

GTOPS will support *Learner Web Project*; Literacy Coalition creates a more employable workforce by providing underserved populations free access to tutor-facilitated, evidence-based online learning tools at public access computer labs. Individuals improve digital literacy skills, explore career pathways and Austin job trends, and improve their reading, writing and math skills to further their education.

### **Austin Habitat for Humanity - \$16,000.00, 88% of request**

GTOPS will support *Housing Counseling*; Austin Habitat will incorporate technology and online resources into its established Housing Counseling classes by making computers available to low-income residents in Austin. Participants will improve their computer skills while also gaining access to life-changing financial literacy resources.

**Boys & Girls Clubs of Austin & Travis County, Inc. - \$14,000.00, 87% of request**  
GTOPs will support *HOT Spot (Hands on Technology)*; Boys & Girls Clubs of Austin & Travis County, Inc. enable young people to realize their full potential. We work with disadvantaged youth in areas of Academic Success, Character/Leadership, and Healthy Lifestyles. HOT Spot nurtures youth intellectually and creatively, giving them invaluable skills for school and their future careers by teaching them computer hardware knowledge and software skills.

**Film Society of Austin - \$16,500.00, 83% of request**  
GTOPs will support *AFS Film Club*; an afterschool program providing digital media workshops at 18 under-resourced Austin-area schools. Since 2004, this program has engaged hundreds of disadvantaged students, equipping them with vital 21st century skills in digital media and nurturing their ability to observe and interpret the world around them.

**Easter Seals - Central Texas, Inc. - \$9,500.00, 95% of request**  
GTOPs will support *Digital Literacy for People with Disabilities*; which will support two projects to increase digital literacy and inclusion for people with disabilities: 1) E-book club for adults with disabilities and 2) inclusion of iPads in our computer lab specifically designed for people with disabilities and in our computer literacy course for adolescents with disabilities.