EQuip seeking used computer donations

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EQuip accepts donations of used electronics and distributes them to those in need.

Those who were lucky enough to receive a new computer for Christmas now have an old computer to consider. One of the options available is to donate that used computer to the Extended Grace eQuip: Technology for All People program.
EQuip started when Extended Grace received one of its first Mudita applications from Chase Gue. Extended Grace seeks out donations to this program and then gives away monetary gifts to individuals with creative ideas for making a difference.

Gue had a vision of repairing computers and giving them not to bargain shoppers, but to people with a genuine barrier to purchasing technology. He applied for a gift explaining his plans in January 2016 after Meghan Heritage at Blue West Properties made a Mudita donation.

Extended Grace selected Chase as the recipient of the Mudita gift made possible by Blue West Properties, but also offered to make eQuip one of its own programs, allowing Chase to run it through a local nonprofit.

Since eQuip started two years ago, Gue has refurbished and donated more than 20 laptops and 16 desktop computers, along with many monitors and accessories to recipients in need. Recipients have been identified through other local nonprofits, Ottawa Pathways, public schools and the Momentum Center.

The program not only benefits people in need, but also has a positive environmental impact. EQuip has safely recycled more than 600 pounds of electronic devices that could not be repaired for personal use. The Mudita gift got the whole thing started; but, as Gue points out, “We would not have been able to refurbish and give these computers away without the many gracious donations from our local businesses and the community.”

Used computers and cellphones can be dropped off at the Momentum Center, 714 Columbus Ave. in Grand Haven, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturdays, or from 12-3 p.m. Sundays. You can also call Gue at 616-510-8794 to schedule a pick-up.