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Technology For All Expands to Fit Demand

HOUSTON—(August 30, 2011)—Since receiving the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant, Technology For All (TFA) has escalated the quantity, quality and scope of their efforts, bringing more technology and training to more underprivileged communities across Houston.

To best determine and serve each community's diverse needs, Technology For All's public computer centers are partnered with local community-based facilities. Each center is equipped to provide free access to computer technology, programs and the Internet. For those without the knowledge or skills to use these resources, each center offers a wide spectrum of digital literacy courses, from basics to multimedia. The centers also serve as a successful learning tool in other courses a community needs, like GED or ESL. To date, TFA has created over 16 new jobs and installed 399 computers in 15 new public computer centers, all serving Houston communities with the least access to technology resources.

Within these centers, Technology For All sees its offer for open computer resources met with growing usage. Every month, the number of training participants increases beyond expectations, with reports showing an increase from 3,581 in June to 4,929 in July. That means within one month, 1,348 people began TFA's free computer courses. Training hours have also increased correspondingly, from 45,540 in June to 52,387 in July. Since TFA's first report in March 2011, their average number of weekly users has increased from 688 to 1,678.

Technology For All would like to thank every participant, volunteer and affiliate working with them to better lives through digital empowerment.

For more information on TFA, its public computer centers and other projects, please visit www.techforall.org.

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Technology For All (TFA) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to empower under-resourced communities through the tools of technology. By working together and partnering with local community-based organizations, corporations, foundations, technology providers and public entities, TFA creates educational, economic and personal opportunities for low-income persons and the communities in which they live. TFA's local and national offices are located in Houston's East End at 2220 Broadway, Houston, Texas 77012; phone: 713-454-6400.