October-December 2021

WINTER NEWSLETTER



Quarter 4 2021





DIGITAL LITERACY

- Connecting Seniors to Technology: 14
- SCESD Cohorts: 4 (2 Spanish, 2 English)
- Chispa Class Sessions: 6
- Charter Spectrum Cohorts: 2
- Parent & Child Workshops: 3



REFURBISHING

- 183 Chromebooks Distributed
- 95 Laptops & Desktops Distributed



VOLUNTEERS

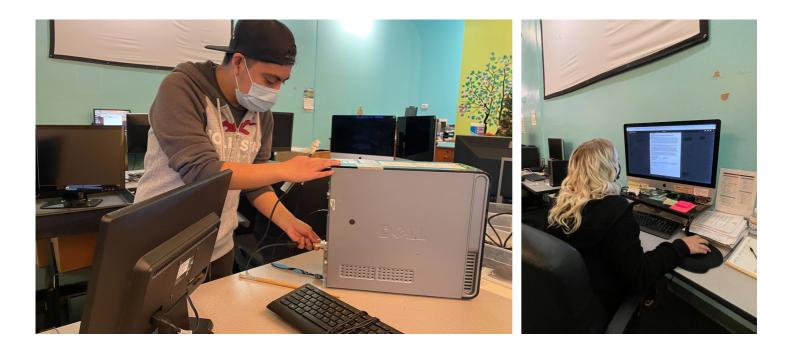
Over 20 volunteers volunteered their time and talents between October and December

MC GIVES - THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH OUR GOAL!

MONTEREY COUNTY GIVES! Joining Together for Big Ideas



We want to thank each, and everyone who supported our end-of-year campaign efforts both through MC Gives and directly to LFC! With your support, we raised close to \$65,000 between November and December 2021! These generous contributions will support our refurbishing and digital fluency work in 2022. Thank you for supporting our efforts to bridge the digital divide!



VOLUNTEER CORNER

LFC has adjusted to a lot of transitions this year. One of the transitions was having Marci Yeater come in as the new 2021-2022 AmeriCorps VIP Fellow. Marci started at LFC in August 2021, and since then, she has been able to recruit over 20 volunteers! Volunteers come from many places in the area but they all have a similar goal, which is to get more hands-on experience in technology and serve their community. Thank you to our service learners, high school students, and community members for donating your time and efforts to keep LFC's mission alive!

CALL TO ACTION

LFC is always looking for eager and driven volunteers that have an interest in technology and serving their community. If you would like to volunteer with us, please email Marci at <u>volunteer@loavesfishescomputers.org</u>



WELCOME JACQUELINE!

Please join LFC in welcoming Jacqueline Leon Rojas. Jacqueline joins LFC as its new Digital Fluency Instructor. A Monterey County native, Jacqueline brings many years of experience in media and working with the public to her work as Digital Fluency Instructor. Jacqueline is passionate about serving her community and we are excited to have her be a part of the team! Jacqueline can be contacted at jacqueline@loavesfishescomputers.org

TECH TIP: MAKE A RESOLUTION TO BE CYBER SAFE IN 2022!



Making a resolution for 2022? Consider resolving to be CYBER SAFE in 2022 with these tips:

- Keep your security software up to date. This is critical to ensure you're not leaving your devices vulnerable. Your apps, software, and browsers all have updates. Make sure you're updating them regularly, or better yet, set up autoupdates as often as possible.
- Use and maintain anti-virus software. There are many options in the market that are affordable and have free features. Make sure, however, you download or purchase from the developer or tech store.
- Use Multifactor Authentication (MFA) when possible. MFA requires more than one method of authentication from independent sources to access your accounts and to help keep your data secure. These sources might be a password or pin, verification on an app or a toke, and or using a fingerprint
- Verify, Verify, Verify. Spoofing, Phishing, and other cybercrimes sometimes mask as accounts or businesses we know, or deals that are too good to be true. Before clicking any link or downloading any file, make sure you verify. Hover over email addresses to make sure they're from the correct sender and from the domain they say they're from and watch out for doppelgängers that use letters or symbols to cause confusion (eg info@wh0lef00ds.com).

LFC IS SEEKING BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

LFC is seeking interested individuals to serve on its board. Requirements and descriptions are available on our website. Interested candidates should send their resumes to steve@loavesfishescomputers.org

THANK YOU **D'ARRIGO CALIFORNIA TECHNOLOGY** THROUGH **OPPORTUNITY** SPONSORS!



We want to thank D'Arrigo California for being an Opportunity through Technology Sponsor. Through D'Arrigo California's generous donation, LFC will be able to provide 100 computers for lowincome families in Quarter 1 2022. Interested in serving as an Opportunity through **Technology Sponsor?** Contact Gabriela at (831) 915-4368 or via email.

