# WINTER 2022 NEWSLETTER



October - December 2022





#### **DIGITAL LITERACY**

 Connecting Seniors to Technology: 77 Seniors

· SCESD: 28 Classes

• Charter Spectrum: 9 classes

· Chispa: 28 classes



#### REFURBISHING

- 190 Computers Distributed
- 9 Chromebooks donated to Shelter residents

\*Does not include computers distributed through literacy programs.



#### **VOLUNTEERS**

27 volunteers contributed over 1,400 ours of support between October and December

## MONTEREY COUNTY GIVES!

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING MC GIVES! 2022

Thank you to everyone who donated to LFC in 2022 and to those who donated to LFC through the 2022 MC Gives Campaign. Because of your support, we raised \$43,463 for digital inclusion activities!







In November, LFC was recognized by the PGA TOUR as Charity of the Year! Thank you to the PGA TOUR for this recognition and generous grant that will provide additional support for our programs. We would also like to thank Monterey Peninsula Foundation, host of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, for the nomination and their long-standing partnership in bridging the digital divide! To watch the announcement video, click here!





We want to thank Chevron and the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, in conjuction with the PURE Insurance Championship impacting First Tee for awarding LFC with the Chevron Aces for Access grant! The Aces for Access Grant is an instrumental part of LFC's Tech Dev program launch. Thank you for your support!

# VOLUNTEER CORNER





# Congratulations Yesica & Rigo!

On December 15th, LFC hosted the TechDev Launch and volunteer appreciation celebration. Volunteers Yesica A. and Rigo R. were honored for their extraordinary support to LFC. Thank you, Yesica and Rigo for your commitment and to our community, we couldn't do what we do without you!

We also want to thank Alex at <u>The Community</u> <u>Shared Space</u> for sharing their beautiful space for this event.

For more information on our TechDev team, contact Evens at <a href="mailto:evens@loavesfishescomputers.org">evens@loavesfishescomputers.org</a>

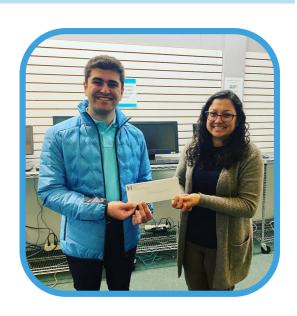
#### **WE WANT YOU: VOLUNTEER WITH LFC!**



Do you want to help make digital inclusion a reality in our community? Have you ever wondered what it takes to refurbish a computer or printer? Have you considered serving on a board that aligns with your purpose and values? LFC may have the right volunteer opportunity for you! We always welcome community members interested in supporting our mission to volunteer their time, whether for one hour or one hundred! If you're interested in volunteering, please contact, Victor Rivas, Americorps VIP Fellow at volunteer@loavesfishescomputers.org. Interested in serving on our board of directors? Contact Steve Lieberman, Board Chair at steve@loavesfishescomputers.org

### **Thank you Nicholas!**

In 2020 spearheaded an effort to support his community amidst the pandemic, and not only raised money to support local nonprofits, but established his own foundation. We want to thank Nicholas and the HELP Monterey County Foundation for their generous donation and for joining the family of kind supporters helping LFC move its mission forward.



#### **TECH TIP:**

# New Year, New Password Security



Many cybersecurity experts suggest changing your passwords every 3 months. In fact, you might be required to change your passwords at work or school with frequency. Changing your passwords frequently, or having strong, unique passwords can make it more difficult for cybercriminals to crack, and thus access your personal information.

If you have been compromised, it is important to update your password immediately and choose a strong, unique password. Using Multi-Factor or Two-Factor Authentication is strongly recommended. When developing a strong, unique password, Malwarebytes' characteristics of a good password include:

- · At least 12-characters
- Has Uppercase and lowercase letters
- · Has a mix of letters, numbers and symbols

Remember that passwords with common passwords, such as 12344 abcd and ones with personal information like your date of birth or address are not recommended.

In addition to a strong password and taking advantage of twofactor or multifactor authentication, using a recommended password manager is also a good idea for password security. Malwarebytes has more information <u>here</u>.

Finally, be careful who or with what sites you share your passwords or security questions with.

For more information about password security, check out the resources below:

https://www.malwarebytes.com/computer/how-to-create-a-strong-password

https://www.mcafee.com/learn/how-often-should-you-changeyour-passwords/



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# Pick it up Pay it Forward for LFC this May & June!

LFC is grateful to be one of six organizations selected by Coastal Roots Hospitality for their 2023 Pick It Up and Pay it Forward campaign! Between May and June 2023, your pick up and takeout orders from Montrio, Tarpy's, and Rio Grill can help LFC's mission of advancing digital inclusion! Coastal Roots Hospitality and their family of restaurants will award 10% of their take out and pick up orders in 2023 to six wonderful non-profits. Thank you Coastal Roots Hospitality!



LFC's Connecting Seniors to Technology offers FREE computer support to seniors 60 years or older contact us at 831-393-9260 ext. 302 to sign up!