

# SPRING NEWSLETTER



January - March 2022



## Quarter 1 at a Glance



### DIGITAL LITERACY

- Connecting Seniors to Technology: 11
- SCESD Cohorts: 6
- ALBA Classes: 3
- Charter Spectrum Cohorts: 2
- Intermediate Classes: 1



### REFURBISHING

- 45 Chromebooks Distributed
- 65 Laptops & Desktops Distributed



### VOLUNTEERS

43 volunteers volunteered their time and talents between January and March



We are pleased to announce that LFC has recently been awarded a generous grant from the Yellow Brick Road in Carmel to support our work.

Over its 30 years, the Yellow Brick Road Benefit Shops have donated nearly \$7.2

million to Monterey County nonprofits. To help continue this philanthropy, they need more volunteers.

Please call (831) 626-8480 or visit [www.yellowbrickroadbenefitshop.org](http://www.yellowbrickroadbenefitshop.org)



We are grateful to Monterey Peninsula Volunteer Services for their generous award to serve our community seniors with digital literacy support!

## 2022 FEATURED CHARITY

We want to thank the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and the Monterey Peninsula Foundation for selecting us as the Featured Non-Profit at this year's Pro-Am held in February 2022.

MPF and the AT&T Pro-Am's partnership with LFC continues to support our efforts to address the tech gap by providing devices and digital skill-building to our community.



## VOLUNTEER CORNER

LFC hosted 21 students and 2 staff members from York school for their 1st Annual Service Learning Day. Freshman and Senior students came to volunteer and performed a variety of activities and tasks. "We were excited to bring a group of York students to LFC - these kids realize how hard it would be to be successful in school or work without a reliable computer and LFC gives them a way to help others facing that reality. Students spent the day repairing and cleaning donated computers, boosting LFC's social media presence, and strategizing about organizational marketing and growth. We've just been so impressed by LFC's comprehensive approach to closing the tech gap and hope to come back often," said Elijah Colby, English Teacher from York School.

This service-learning day in collaboration with York School has been LFC's biggest volunteer event since COVID hit in 2020. LFC was filled with eager students ready to do the tasks provided and get an inside look at what it is like to volunteer at LFC. Students,

LFC hopes to have more of these Service Learning events in collaboration with local schools so that students are able to get experience in volunteering and also see the difference that LFC makes in the community.

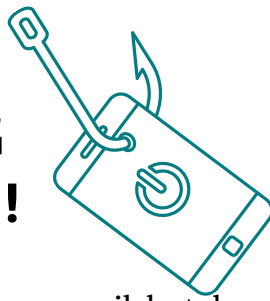
For more information on how to hold a service learning day at LFC, contact Marci Yeater at [volunteer@loavesfishescomputers.org](mailto:volunteer@loavesfishescomputers.org)



## WELCOME KAILAH!

Please join LFC in welcoming Kailah Combs as LFC's new Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director. Kailah started as a volunteer at LFC in September 2021 where her integrity, sense of humor and attention to detail shone in her work. We're excited to have Kailah as a member of the LFC team!

## TECH TIP: BEWARE OF PHISHING AND SMISHING SCAMS!



You may know how phishing hacks work in your email, but do you know what **SMISHING** is? Phishing is a nefarious way cybercriminals attempt to trick you into opening a malicious email attachment or link. Like Phishing, Smishing is a way cybercriminals attempt to steal your personal information via text message (SMS). As consumers become savvier about Phishing, Smishing is becoming more common. Consider using the following tips offered by [Kaspersky](#) to protect yourself from Smishing:

- Regard urgent security alerts and you-must-act-now offers or deals as warning signs of a hacking attempt.
- No financial institution or merchant will send you a text message asking you to update your account information or confirm your ATM card code. If you get a message that seems to be from your bank or a merchant you do business with, and it asks you to click on something in the message, it's a fraud. Call your bank or merchant directly if you are in any doubt.
- Never click a reply link or phone number in a message you're not sure about.
- Look for suspicious numbers that don't look like real mobile phone numbers, like "5000". As Network World notes, these numbers link to email-to-text services, which are sometimes used by scam artists to avoid providing their actual phone numbers.
- Don't store your credit card or banking information on your smartphone. If the information isn't there, thieves can't steal it even if they do slip malware onto your phone.
- Refuse to take the bait—simply don't respond.
- Report all smishing attacks to the FCC to try to protect others.

### CHECK OUT OUR LINK TREE!

If you're looking for resources or articles linked on our social media, visit our LinkTree [here](#)! And don't forget to follow us on social media for more content!

### 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](mailto:steve@loavesfishescomputers.org)

### HELP US GET LAPTOPS TO FAMILIES: BE AN OPPORTUNITY THROUGH TECHNOLOGY SPONSOR!

Laptops are a popular item requested by clients in need of a computer. LFC's goal is to make laptops more affordable and accessible to families and we need your help. If you are interested in serving as an Opportunity through Technology Sponsor, you can make a difference to a family in need. \$150 supports one standard laptop for a family in need. Sponsored laptops will be distributed in fall with a decal showcasing the sponsor's logo. Contact Gabriela at (831) 915-4368 or via [email](#) for more information!

