Since we started, CAP volunteers have donated almost 15,000 PCs (and countless software, printers, scanners, routers, and other peripherals) to 450 Cleveland area schools and other non-profits.

CAP volunteers have spent thousands of hours assisting Clevelanders with their technology needs so that their organizations, and the people they serve, can benefit from the power of technology.

Working to Bridge the **Digital Divide** since 1997







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CAP Inc.

Computers Assisting People Inc. is a nonprofit organization made up of technically skilled volunteers who bring the empowerment of computers and technology to Cleveland non-profits.

We focus on seniors, kids, schools, churches, shelters, shut-ins, the disabled and similar groups that help dramatically improve the quality of people's lives using technology.

Mission Statement

The information technology age is rapidly dividing the world into two separate classes – the technology "haves" and "have-nots". Information is power and computer technology is the means to acquiring that information and hence, that power. Employment opportunities and even everyday life are becoming increasingly dependent on computers.

The mission of CAP Inc. is to reach those elements of society that may not have the opportunity to benefit from the technology that many of us take for granted. Thus our focus is in assisting organizations (schools, churches, community centers, etc.) that deal with children, seniors, the poor, the disabled and others that can really be empowered by computer technology.

Computers and technology are no longer just for techies or the elite. Everyday life is becoming increasing dependent on familiarity, if not expertise, with technology. Go to UPS to send a package and you need to use a mouse and fill out an on-screen form. Have you opened up your car hood lately? All computerized. Even voting may soon require familiarity with technology. Not everyone is familiar with touch screens or using a mouse.

The Internet is an incredible tool but without mastery of it, people will fall further behind.

If people aren't adept at using PCs and technology, the quality of their lives can be greatly diminished. In addition, by being empowered by technology, people can overcome difficult situations and greatly improve the quality of their life.

CAP volunteers take in donated hardware and software from companies and individuals and, after removing all traces of data from the PC, refurbish them to make useful systems. Then we donate these working systems to local non-profit organizations so that they can fulfill their missions in our community.

CAP also "Trains the Trainers" to help make organizations self-sufficient.

Get Help

If a non-profit needs help with computers and technology, send CAP a letter on letterhead explaining your needs and why you need help and we will do our best to assist. Remember we are all volunteers and rely on donated equipment from others so please be patient and understanding. We are not a store with employees. We are volunteers working with what we have.

Help Us Help Others

CAP needs a steady supply of newer, quality hardware, software & peripherals. We can't fix monitors or printers so please don't dump your trash with us. Currently we accept Pentium 2 and newer PCs.

CAP volunteers wipe/over-write all systems to DoD specification so you can be assured that your data is non-recoverable when you donate.

We always need volunteers to help in our mission.

We also need funds to buy supplies, tools, pay utilities, etc.

Please contact us if you think you can help.

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