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Bridging the Gap partners with Communities In Schools of Mid-America and Emporia Public Schools to distribute 150 computers and internet access to the Emporia community

October 10, 2019 - Bridging the Gap is hosting a technology distribution event to provide computers and internet to hundreds of eligible families in Emporia, KS.

[Bridging the Gap](#) is a nonprofit-led initiative of PCs for People and Mobile Beacon that helps community anchor institutions like housing authorities, schools, libraries, and nonprofits provide affordable computers and Educational Broadband Service (EBS) internet to eligible individuals and families.

The Bridging the Gap distribution event will occur on **Tuesday, October 15th starting at 5 PM** at Emporia High School in Emporia, KS. Bridging the Gap will distribute 150 computers and mobile hotspots with three months of unlimited internet service to selected families and individuals from the school community.

“Emporia Public Schools is proud to be able to assist with this initiative to provide resources to our local families. Thanks to Bridging the Gap for this generous contribution to our school community,” Judy Stanley, Associate Executive Director of Teaching and Learning, said.

This event is taking place thanks to a partnership between Bridging the Gap, Emporia Public Schools and [Communities In Schools of Mid-America](#). Communities In Schools of Mid-America is a non-profit organization which connects at-risk students, and their families, with community resources in order to remove any barriers preventing them from achieving academic success.

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About Mobile Beacon:

Mobile Beacon provides high-speed, low-cost, mobile internet access to the anchors of communities: the nonprofits, schools, libraries, and healthcare organizations that provide vital services to millions of Americans every day. Through this broadband service, organizations

have an essential tool to fulfill their missions and maximize their philanthropic impact, which allows organizations to access more information, reach more people, and help more in their communities. Learn more at www.mobilebeacon.org.

About PCs for People:

Since 1998, PCs for People has been a driving force behind digital inclusion efforts across the US. We are a self-sustainable 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a national reach. Self-sustainability is driven by our four step approach - Source, Refurbish, Distribute, and Support. With strong partnerships and dedicated staff, 250,000+ computers have been distributed, 128,000+ homes have internet access, and millions of pounds of electronics have been responsibly recycled. Our corporate services include secure IT asset disposition and AAA NAID certified data sanitization. Learn more at www.pcsforpeople.org.

About Communities In Schools of Mid-America:

Communities In Schools (CIS) of Mid-America is part of the nation's largest organization dedicated to empowering at-risk students to stay in school and on a path to a brighter future. Working inside more than 50 schools across Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Oklahoma, we connect kids to caring adults and community resources designed to help them succeed. We do whatever it takes to ensure that all kids – regardless of the challenges they may face – have what they need to realize their potential. Learn more at www.cismidamerica.org.