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Bridging the Gap returns to the Salt Lake City community to distribute computers and internet access to over 100 students and families

December 2, 2019 - Bridging the Gap is hosting a technology distribution event to provide computers and internet to over 100 eligible families in Salt Lake City, UT.

[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 from Mountain View Elementary, Glendale Middle School, Riley Elementary School, East High School, and Parkview Elementary School.

The Bridging the Gap distribution event will occur on **Tuesday, December 3rd starting at 3 PM** at Glendale Mountain View Community Learning Center School in Salt Lake City, UT. Bridging the Gap will distribute 100 computers and 70 mobile hotspots with three months of unlimited internet service to selected families and individuals from the school community.

“Each day technology is becoming more vital in navigating our society. It is woven into just about every aspect of our lives,” said James E. Yapias, Salt Lake Education Foundation Director. “We are extremely grateful to Bridging the Gap for helping our students and their families be able to have access to computers and hot spots to help them work, play, learn, communicate, shop, share information and so much more.”

This event is taking place thanks to a partnership between Bridging the Gap, The Salt Lake Education Foundation, and the Glendale-Mountain View Community Learning Center. Special thanks to the Salt Lake Education Foundation and Mobile Beacon for providing monetary support for the event. Thank you to Tech League at the Salt Lake City Public Library for providing digital literacy training to all recipients at the event, and thank you to our support partner, Jensen Tech Services.

Bridging the Gap is proud to go back to Salt Lake City and distribute more affordable technology to the community. In October 2017, Bridging the Gap distributed 303 computers and 150 internet hotspots and three free months of service to eligible low-income individuals and families

from the Housing Authority of Salt Lake City, the Housing Authority of the County of Salt Lake, Utah Nonprofit Housing Corporation, International Rescue Committee, and Utah Health & Human Rights.

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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.