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Mobile Beacon is awarding 10 grants to anchors of the community in honor of 10th anniversary

Mobile Beacon is celebrating 10 years of providing high-speed, low-cost, mobile internet access to the anchors of communities: nonprofits, schools, libraries, and healthcare organizations. In honor of this anniversary, we are providing 10 local and national organizations with a \$10,000 grant, as well as 10 laptops and 10 hotspots with Mobile Beacon's, unlimited internet service, in support of their own missions. We are honored to highlight the first four recipients of the Community Grants and the incredible work they are doing in their communities.

Providence Public Library (PPL) - PPL was a perfect candidate for Mobile Beacon's community grant, due to their diverse community programs such as public education, workforce development, and arts and cultural programming. The 10 laptops and 10 LTE mobile hotspots will be used for PPL's Data Navigators program, as part of its STEAM-based initiative for teens. PPL inspires Rhode Islanders to be lifelong learners by engaging their curiosity and offering access to extraordinary experiences, resources and ideas.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) - Mobile Beacon has been a proud supporter of the LLS organization throughout our history, and our own Sales Manager, Rick Lindholm, served as the LLS board president and is a true advocate of the incredible work LLS does. Mobile Beacon was honored to provide a \$10,000 monetary donation to Rick's Man of the Year campaign, as The Man and Woman of the Year campaigns are philanthropic competitions to support blood cancer research. LLS will utilize the technology donated for families currently undergoing treatment, so students can stay engaged in school work, families can stay connected to their support system, and there is no financial technology burden.

Federal Hill House – A partner in the Office of Healthy Aging's (OHA) digiAGE Collaborative, Federal Hill House is helping to bridge the digital divide for older Rhode Islanders by linking them to the technology and virtual opportunities that underpin modern life. Through Beacon's support, Federal Hill House will provide smart devices, internet service, and digital literacy training to older adults in communities hit hard by



COVID-19 to help them access online resources and virtually connect with family and friends.

Children's Friend: Mobile Beacon was proud to support Children's Friend in their position as the leader in improving the well-being and healthy development of Rhode Island's most vulnerable young children and families. Children's Friend will utilize the donated technology to keep their staff connected to support these young children and their families socially, and through distance learning. The \$10,000 donation will support their "Spirit of the Holiday Drive," which provides and distributes essential warm clothing and toys to vulnerable Rhode Island families during the Holiday Season.

Throughout the past 10 years, more than 12,000 nonprofits, schools, and libraries used Mobile Beacon's unlimited mobile broadband service to serve their communities. Today, organizations in all 50 states currently rely on our broadband service.

Stay tuned as Mobile Beacon will be announcing additional community grant recipients in 2021.

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About Mobile Beacon: Founded in 2010, Mobile Beacon provides high-speed, low-cost, mobile internet access to the anchors of communities: nonprofits, schools, libraries, and healthcare organizations. In honor of our 10th anniversary, Mobile Beacon is awarding 10 community grants to anchors of our local community, who embody a similar mission in creating opportunities for underserved groups and investing in our nation's future. Through the broadband service, Mobile Beacon provides, 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 <http://www.mobilebeacon.org>.