

Bridging The Digital Divide

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Mission

- * To provide access to technology to school age children in public housing.
- * The Committee would like to take a 3-pronged approach to this initiative.
- * 1) Create computer labs at the PHA's developments.
- * 2) Provide digital access through hardwiring infrastructure units and are Wi-Fi connectivity.

Mission

* 3) Educate& prepare residents of the new mandate coming in 2015.

Approach

Identify the resources needed to provide computer labs at the Following GHA sites:

- a) Eastwood Meadows (56 units)
- b) Woodland Park (172 units)
- c) Pine Meadows, Lake Terrace and Caroline Manors (208 units)
- d) Forest Pines (36 units)

Approach

Adopt-A- Computer Lab Program- Get organizations and/or businesses to adopt a computer lab.

- a) What would the adoption include?
 - computers, software, network printer, tech support, proctors, cost for service, and utilities.
- b) How will the sponsors be recognized?
 - a) Lab named for sponsors
 - b) GHA market the sponsors via their website
 - c) Include sponsor on all marketing materials

Approach

- GHA in partnership with Cox update existing properties to ensure high speed internet connectivity.
- * GHA work with Cox and or others to develop wireless hub or access.
- Educate residents on the new mandate and encourage them to prepare by purchasing digital devices for their children.
- * Encourage Alachua County School Board to begin dialog with Dell for leasing digital devices.

Computer Hardware Specifications

- i3 processor recommended
- 4g ram
- Operating system- windows 7
- 17" inch flat screen minimum recommended
- 80g hard drive