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THIS SATURDAY (6/6): HandyCapable Network to distribute free computers to students at Greensboro's Newcomers School

On **Saturday, June 6th** from **9AM to 10:30AM**, HandyCapable Network will hold its fourth in a series of free computer distributions at Greensboro's Newcomers School. Along with their families, approximately 20 students of Burmese or Nepali descent are expected to attend the event to receive a free computer. Students are eligible for the distribution provided that they are recent immigrants to the United States and do not already have a computer in their home. The school is located at 411 Friendway Road in Greensboro, behind Western High School.

GCS's Newcomers School serves recently arrived immigrant and refugee students in grades 3-12 who are novice English speakers. Their staff is committed to helping students adjust to the many facets of American life. According to HandyCapable Network Executive Director Barbara Davis, "Since technology is now a crucial element of our modern society, learning to use computers has become an important part of the cultural acclimation process. Newcomers to our country and our community have often overcome great adversity and hardship to arrive here. HandyCapable is thrilled to be able to give them a helping hand, because digital literacy is absolutely necessary for students' educational and workforce success."

So far this year, HCN has distributed 52 computers to Arabic, Vietnamese, and Spanish-speaking students at Newcomers School, and gave away another 75 computers to low-income students at Hairston Middle School. These distributions are made possible with the support of the Lincoln Financial Group Foundation and the Cemala Foundation.

Through a unique program, HandyCapable Network trains adults with disabilities to refurbish old computers. The upgraded systems are then distributed to needy children and families in our community. Since its inception, HCN has helped over 2,000 families bridge the "digital divide". Community members who wish to donate old computers for HCN's cause can learn more at <http://www.handycapable.org>.

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