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## **Earth Fare & HandyCapable Network to host a “Green” Computer Donation Drive over Earth Day Weekend**

In the spirit of Earth Day, on **April 18<sup>th</sup>** and **19<sup>th</sup>** from **11:00 a.m** to **3:00 p.m.**, HandyCapable Network will hold a computer donation drive at Earth Fare, located at 2965 Battleground Avenue in Greensboro. Donations of used - but working - computers, monitors, and printers from both individuals and businesses are welcome, and the first 25 computer donors will receive a free Earth Fare tote bag! All of the computer equipment will be collected by the HandyCapable Network (HCN), a local nonprofit that refurbishes old computers and distributes them to needy children in Greensboro schools, families living in poverty, persons with disabilities, and other nonprofit community organizations.

HCN accepts computers purchased in 2003 or later, as well as 17” monitors and printers in working condition. All donations are tax-deductible. Through their unique program, HandyCapable Network trains adults with disabilities to refurbish donated computers. The process includes a hard-drive sweep that completely erases any personal data from the machine. The upgraded systems are then distributed, for free or at very low cost, to needy children and families in the community. Since its inception, HandyCapable has helped over 2,000 families bridge the “digital divide”. The organization depends on equipment donations from the community for the computers that will ultimately end up **in** the homes of families that could not otherwise afford them – and **out** of our local landfills.

The mission of HandyCapable Network is to promote self-sufficiency and to enrich the lives of people living with disabilities, or people who are otherwise socially or economically challenged, by providing training in and access to computer technology. Earth Fare is proud to support HCN’s “green” recycling initiative as the company places a strong emphasis on protecting the environment and helping strengthen local communities.

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