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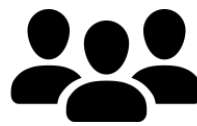
## Texas Technology Access Program 2020 Annual Report

Assistive technology (AT) helps people with disabilities and those who are aging access education, vocation, recreation/leisure, and their community.



**255  
devices  
loaned**

When individuals with disabilities, their families, and qualified professionals are able to borrow AT devices and assess them in the individual's typical environments, they are then better able to determine if the devices meet their needs or the needs of individuals with disabilities they are serving.



**4,052  
individuals  
trained**

TTAP provided in-person/virtual training on topics including: AT devices and services, funding, and Information and Communication Technology Accessibility (ICTA), or a combination of any/all of the above.



**2,110 devices  
refurbished**

The project is a multi-organizational initiative bringing together expertise from Easterseals Central Texas, Goodwill Central Texas and the Texas Technology Access Program, by whom the project is made possible by. This project promotes increase independence for people with disabilities through the acquisition of refurbished computers at a low cost.



Ms. C. is a 62-year-old who is homebound due to macular degeneration. The COVID-19 Pandemic has further isolated her from family, friends and interacting in her community. While Ms. C. is eager to learn how to shop online for needed goods and supplies, she lacked a computer at home with a larger monitor so that she could easily read and connect with resources and family through email. The Double Click Computer Project has provided Ms. C with the means to retain her self-sufficiency and to adjust to the changes in her routines and life.

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## \$4,200 device financing

State Financing Activities provide consumers with resources and services that result in the acquisition of AT devices and services. Participants gained financial loans to fund 14 assistive devices.



## 181 devices demonstrated

- Device demonstrations were severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and shutdown. TCDS made the decision in March of 2020 to shift the device demonstration program to a virtual platform, temporarily pause the device loan program, and update cleaning and sanitation measures to ensure public safety per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations.



“When Mr. A first saw the chair and sat in it, he had a big smile on his face. Thank you for all you do to support families in our community!”

– Mr. A’s Parents

Through our Medical Equipment Reuse Program, Mr. A received a professionally refurbished and sanitized Lightweight Sport Wheelchair, which allows him the ease of sitting during outings and comfort of maneuvering himself at his own pace. Mr. A and his family can now visit his favorite places, like SeaWorld, the Zoo, and Morgan’s Wonderland.



Mr. F. is an 18-year-old with special needs. When I was introduced to him, he was trying to finish his Senior Year of High School through the internet on his cell phone amidst the COVID-19 school shutdowns and transition to online learning. His family could not afford a home computer and the school district had not sent one yet for him to use. The Double Click Computer Project has provided this young man and his family with the means to not only continue his education, but to stay safe and connected through the internet to purchase needed goods and supplies as the Pandemic continues to change their routines and lives.