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Local Elementary School Receives Holiday Gift, GSA Donates Surplus Government Computers

Denver, CO – Today, the U.S. General Services Administration Rocky Mountain Region donated close to 80 surplus computers and equipment to Free Horizon Montessori School through the Computers For Learning Program. GSA Regional Administrator Susan Damour delivered the computers to the school at an event with Congressional U.S. Rep. Ed Perlmutter; Aide Hannah Mullen; Free Horizon Principal Jami Boarman; and Superintendent of Jefferson County Public Schools, Dr. Cindy Stevenson. This program had given thousands of area school children access to the technology and skills they will need to compete in the 21st century.

“This donation will help students at Free Horizon Montessori School better prepare for the jobs of the future,” said Susan Damour, GSA Regional Administrator. “CFL provides so many benefits including giving kids better access to technology, reusing technical equipment, and maximizing taxpayers’ investment. We hope that more schools will take advantage of the program and that these donations help free up funds for the school to make additional educational investments.”

In addition to the benefits to our schools and students, the CFL program is good for the environment. The program reduces landfill disposal of electronic waste. By some estimates, reusing just one computer prevents 30 pounds of hazardous waste and 77 pounds of solid waste from entering landfills, and prevents over 17 gallons of water and 32 tons of air from being polluted.

In fiscal year 2011, GSA’s Rocky Mountain Region partnered with federal agencies to donate nearly 1500 computers originally worth \$1.9 million dollars to various Colorado schools and non-profit organizations. “The donation of these 78 computers and supporting equipment is a game-changer for Free Horizon Montessori, as educational excellence for our students is not a thing we achieve; it is a thing we do,” said Free Horizon Montessori principal, Jami Boarman, “We create excellence when we expand young minds into thinking, being, and dreaming of the world in new and different ways, and I can think of no other tool that so easily puts the universe of possibility at a student’s fingertips. Thank you to GSA and their ‘Computers of Learning’ program. You’ve made an incredible difference for our school.”

The CFL program allows government agencies to donate surplus computers and equipment to schools and some educational nonprofit organizations. The equipment is free, however, schools are responsible for packing and shipping costs. If the equipment is not donated through CFL, it goes to the www.GSAXcessit.gov program.

The U.S. General Services Administration is proud to sponsor the CFL program. Interested schools and educational non-profit organizations are encouraged to find more information on this program at the [Computers for Learning website](http://www.computersforlearning.gov). Schools participating in CFL can browse the available equipment at www.computersforlearning.gov, select what they need, and pick up desired items.

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