**Who We Are**

Comp-U-Dopt is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with a mission to provide technology access and education to underserved youth.

Founded in 2007 on the belief that every chid deserves equal access to education and opportunity, our founder, John Osha, realized the life cycle of a corporate computer was 2-3 years. Typically sent to landfill or recycled for parts, these machines can be a dream come true for a young learner without access to a computer at home. Since then we have also expanded to provide technology education programs after school.

**Why It Matters**

Approximately 46% of economically disadvantaged families across the United States lack access to a computer at home. While many families are worried about how they will pay rent, feed themselves, and stay safe, through your donation we can get computers out to families in greatest need completely free, ensuring they’re not choosing between a critical tool and food on the table. In response to the pandemic, Comp-U-Dopt has expanded to serve families across 12 cities in the United States, reaching nearly 20,000 households.

**How You Can Help**

Computer hardware donations are the cornerstone of our programming and the foundation from which we are actively closing the digitial divide for our future generations. You and your company can help by giving your gently used retired assets a second life by donating them to our program.

**How It Works**

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| 1 | Corporations, organizations, or individuals donate computers and receive a tax receipt. Comp-U-Dopt staff will pick up your donation from your site or receive it at our warehouse. |
| 2 | Comp-U-Dopt technical staff wipe computers up to a Department of Defense standard using a program called Kill Disk and issue Certificates of Erasure as requested by the donor. |
| 3 | Computers are cleaned, refurbished, and loaded with a Linux-based operating system called Ubuntu as well as 120 educational apps. |
| 4 | Computers are then distributed to families at our drive-thru operations. Right now we’re establishing drive-thru’s in DC, Chicago, New Orleans, Dallas, San Antonio, and Houston. All computers are completely free to the families who receive them and include 2-years of free technical support. |

**Benefits of Donating**

* **Tax Deductions** - All donations are tax deductible. Note: the IRS code prohibits non-profit organizations from determining a fair market value for goods donated in-kind.
* **Volunteerism and Team Building** – Partners can help us to refurbish and distribute the computers.
* **Great CSR and PR** – Your donation is helping to close the digital divide and positively supports key focus areas including *education, sustainability, and workforce skill development*. Photos from our events are a great way to highlight your community support.
* **Environmental Impact** – Reduce your carbon footprint by giving these tools a second life in the hands of children who need them.

**What do you take?**

We accept laptops and desktops with intact hard drives which are less than 5 years old. We also accept keyboards, mice, power cables, and Monitors (excluding CRT devices). We do not accept printers, batteries, cell phones, network equipment, photocopiers, servers, docking stations, or toner cartridges.

Any items that cannot be reconditioned and given to students will be responsibly recycled and credits from the recycling will go to purchasing parts necessary for the refurbishment of laptops and desktops (such as batteries, AC adapters, and memory).

**Where do you have programs?**

Comp-U-Dopt serves families in Chicago, Covington (KY), Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, Galveston, Los Angeles, New Orleans, and Washington D.C..

**Is Comp-U-Dopt a United Way organization?**

No, we are not part of the United Way, but we do receive some project specific funding support through collaborative partners.

**Who is the main population being served?**

87% of students at the schools we serve are economically disadvantaged based on their eligibility for the federal free and reduced-price lunch program. Almost three-quarters are considered at risk of dropping out of school. Approximately 66% of the students we serve are Hispanic, 25% are African American, 5% are white, 2.5% are Asian/Pacific Islander, and less than 1% identify as more than one race.

**What is the annual operating budget for Comp-U-Dopt?**

For 2020 the annual operating expenses are approximately $1.9M with program costs being the bulk of the expenses at $1.5M (79%). The 2021 Operating Budget (because of our exponential growth and expansion) is $6.9M

**How are donors recognized?**

Donors are recognized on our website, annual report, in social media, press releases, and at our events. We welcome the opportunity to work with your marketing team on other opportunities.

**What about my data?**

We take data security very seriously and have been doing this work for 13 years. All computers which are donated are accessed only by authorized staff membersand hard drives are wiped using a program called Kill Disk which is an industrial grade disk sanitation software (<http://www.killdisk.com/>)We follow the Department of Defense standard 5220.22-M method which securely writes over all data with a minimum of three passes**.** We can also issue Certificates of Erasure for donations of corporate computers if required.

**Can I get a Tax Receipt?**

Yes, Comp-U-Dopt is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Within a few days following your donation you will receive a thank you letter with an official tax receipt at the bottom. The IRS prohibits non-profits from setting or determining a fair market value for in-kind donations, however you will be able to do so in the space provided on your tax receipt.