

Building 25,000 Bridges over the Digital Divide

Sarasota Technology Users Group (STUG) is a non-profit educational organization based in Sarasota. It focuses on technology education of its members, and in 2004 launched The Refurb Project to address pressing community needs. This group has already surpassed 25,000 devices donated to people over three counties and continues with a staff of dedicated volunteers.

Refurb accepts donations of used computers, smartphones, tablets, and other digital equipment. They refurbish then donate the refreshed technology complete with the newest apps, at no cost to qualifying non-profits, low-income individuals, disadvantaged students, and others in Sarasota, Manatee, and DeSoto counties.

While Refurb supplies free expertise and labor, there is often a need to buy fresh parts such as batteries, hard drives, and more. That's where YOU come in!

Schoolchildren need computers: Many children simply have no device at home for schoolwork, and thus fall behind and lose motivation to succeed. Foster children, who move frequently, often lack consistent access to technology. Families with siblings face the issue of multiple children, one device and not enough computer time.



High Schoolers need computers to forge their futures. Applying to colleges increasingly requires online access. Filling out job applications are almost always digital-only. Young adults need to stay in step with an ever-more-online world.

Adults seeking to enhance their marketable skills must have the training to build knowledge of modern applications. The Refurb Group is honored to provide the organizations that serve these people with computers. Such education can help these adults provide for their families and get off welfare.



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**Click to donate to STUG
to help support The Refurb Group**

In addition to refurbishing devices, Refurb reduces e-waste through partnerships for responsible recycling of unusable items. Help The Refurb Project with your donation so they can continue and expand their goal of bridging the digital divide, providing access to technology for students and those in need.

For more information on how to donate equipment and a list of nonprofits Refurb works with, visit them at stugsrq.com/the-refurb-group/



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