Portable computers for the youth who need them...



F.A.Q

1. WHY SHOULD I DONATE MY LAPTOP TO SKY'S THE LIMIT (STL)?

Every year STL receives upwards of 1000 requests for personal computers by youth in need across Canada. When they receive a computer from STL, their entire sphere of influence benefits. Younger siblings have the opportunity to practice their skills from an early age. Parents have a chance to develop their skills, do research, or type a resume. Relatives and friends also can have the opportunity to have access to the computer. "I will use my computer to research homework assignments for me and my little brother. To learn more about Canada and other countries. My teacher and mom can email each other about my progress in class." – STL recipient

2. WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MY LAPTOP ONCE I DONATE IT?

Once back at our office at Yonge & Eglinton, it will be refurbished and then donated to a youth in need.

3. IS MY PERSONAL INFORMATION SECURE?

Our staff is able to completely remove any personal information on the laptop by wiping the hard drive. They then re-install the operating system (Windows) for the use of the recipient. If you have concerns about your personal information, you are encouraged to discard of the hard drive in the manner you see fit and Sky's' the Limit (STL) will replace it once back at the office.

4. WILL I GET A TAX RECEIPT?

Yes, unless requested otherwise, as STL is a registered Canadian charity (BN 85757 9742RR0001). The tax receipt will be prepared by STL and sent to you at a later date once the laptop is evaluated.

5. HOW IS THE TAX RECEIPT VALUE CALCULATED?

Fair market value is established by a professional refurbisher.

6. WHO WILL GET MY LAPTOP?

STL's recipients are Canadian youth who cannot otherwise afford to purchase a computer to use at home.

7. HOW DOES STL DECIDE WHO RECEIVES A LAPTOP?

STL recipients are required to submit an application with a reference letter from a teacher, guidance councilor or principal to ensure that they need our assistance. Non-profits are also encouraged to apply on behalf of their participants, such as Pathways to Education, the YWCA, or Big Brothers Big Sisters.

8. WHY LAPTOPS?

STL is a national organization and ships the computers to the recipients. Due to their smaller size & lighter weight, distributing laptops reduces shipping costs so that we can in turn provide more laptops to more youth. Also, many recipients do not have access to the Internet at home. However, thanks to portability and wireless capability, laptops provide an access point that desktops cannot.

9. HOW MANY LAPTOPS DOES STL REDISTRIBUTE EVERY YEAR?

500 and growing thanks to you!

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