Digital Works Facilities Accept Recyclable Electronics to Assist in Job Skill Training for Individuals with Autism

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Columbus, Ohio – Seven Digital Works locations throughout Ohio are now accepting used electronics to be recycled by the nonprofit group Community Computer Alliance (CCA). CCA serves individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities by offering job skill training through electronic recycle and refurbish work. Participants of CCA learn to dismantle, sort, and rebuild electronics, to work independently, and as part of a team, to be responsible, and to hold regular job duties and hours.

"Our unique program gives adults living with developmental disabilities the opportunity to learn important life skills in a workplace environment," said Dan Hurst, Executive Director of Community Computer Alliance. "We see clients such as Ryan who wouldn't talk to others and could only focus on tasks for under an hour before needing to leave. His abilities and confidence have grown to where he now socializes well with the others working alongside him, and he is able to focus and feel comfortable for two or more hours each day he comes here. It's very worthwhile and we know CCA is making a big difference."

The public may donate their outdated or end-of-life electronics, such as laptops, tablets, phones, gaming systems, printers, scanners, ink and toner cartridges, and more, at the following Ohio Digital Works facilities.

> Columbus – 6600 Busch Boulevard, Columbus
> Gallipolis – 859 Third Avenue, Gallipolis
> Logan – 80 E. Main Street, Logan
> Lynchburg – 263 N. Main Street, Lynchburg
> Middleport – 349 2nd Street, Middleport
> Portsmouth – 433 Third Street, Portsmouth (moving to new location in October, TBA)
> West Union – 111 W. Main Street, West Union

For a full list of accepted items, please visit the CCA website.

"Digital Works is proud to partner with Community Computer Alliance to help support their efforts in teaching workforce skills, independence, and confidence to central Ohioans with developmental disabilities," said Stu Johnson, Vice President of the Digital Works program. "Our programs and mission are similar in that Digital Works offers technology training, mentorship, and job placement assistance for adults – many of which have physical limitations and are in need of modern career opportunities that allow them to work from home."

Digital Works, a program of Connected Nation, connects people with leading-edge online employment opportunities. Since 2013, the program has helped more than 500 adults secure work. To learn more about Digital Works, visit www.digitalworksjobs.com.

To learn more about Community Computer Alliance, visit www.ccompa.org.

About Community Computer Alliance
Community Computer Alliance is a non-profit organization that offers workforce development training to individuals with Autism and other developmental disabilities. Participants learn valuable job skills through dismantling, sorting, and rebuilding electronics, and training in a workplace environment. CCA also donates refurbished computers to nonprofit organizations most in need of them. www.ccompa.org.

About Digital Works
Digital Works, a program of Connected Nation, Inc., connects people to leading-edge customer support and IT jobs for global corporations. Digital Works offers a technology and client-services training program, along with continued mentorship toward opportunities for advanced IT careers. Graduates of the program can choose to work from home or from a Digital Works center. Since the program launch in Ohio in June 2013, more than 500 people have secured employment. www.digitalworksjobs.com