

## Improving Lives Through Technology

At the San Diego Futures Foundation our mission is to improve lives in San Diego County by making information technology available to underserved populations by providing technology equipment, training, support, IT outsourcing, and digital media services to nonprofit organizations, disadvantaged small businesses, low-income households, people with disabilities, and seniors. SDFF is working hard to bridge the digital divide in our community.

SDFF was formed in 1999 when the county decided to outsource their IT department and formed SDFF to receive the computers that were being recycled in order for them to be put back into the community. Consequently, SDFF refurbishes and redistributes computers to organizations such as libraries, nonprofits, and faith based foundations. We are proud to say that we have donated computers to over 1,400 nonprofits in San Diego County. Please see map here:

https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/1/viewer?mid=1Me9rXd88rU5vjS3d79teucTw2O3lcS9&ll=33.13304350297594%2C-116.90007576640625&z=10

However, since Covid-19, we have been overwhelmed with requests for computers. The demand far exceeds our supply. Therefore, we're asking for any computer equipment that you might have available, specifically laptop and desktop computers. The need is serious for many San Diegans.

There are seniors isolated at home and are unable to connect with their health care provider, family, and friends because they lack access to a computer. Persons with disabilities who depend on their technology to order essential supplies, like groceries, are especially vulnerable without a computer. Veterans need a laptop or desktop to connect to critical resources. Many students don't have access to a computer and must complete their homework on a cell phone.

To contribute please contact our Hardware Department at (619) 391-0050 or <a href="mailto:recycling@sdfutures.org">recycling@sdfutures.org</a>. Tax deductible! We are ready and available to pick up 25 items or more countywide. We would appreciate it if you shared this with your entire network. Again, the need is pressing. We have a partnership with a R2 Certified Recycler so we know that all of the e-waste processed through SDFF is recycled in an environmentally friendly manner. Learn more here: <a href="https://sdfutures.org/e-waste-recycling/">https://sdfutures.org/e-waste-recycling/</a>

SDFF is committed to working with the community and improve their lives through technology. Feel free to contact Teresa Valenzuela at <a href="mailto:Teresa@sdfutures.org">Teresa@sdfutures.org</a> to learn more about our programs. <a href="mailto:https://sdfutures.org/">https://sdfutures.org/</a>