**AT&T and Compudopt Provide 300 Laptops to Inspiredu**

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**What’s the news?** Three hundred refurbished laptops will be given to Atlanta students and families as part of AT&T’s [nationwide commitment](https://about.att.com/story/2021/digital_divide.html) to help bridge the digital divide. The laptops, funded by an AT&T donation to Compudopt, will be given to Atlanta residents in need. AT&T is working with Compudopt to provide individuals and families with Inspiredu with laptops and digital literacy resources to help them fully participate in our digital world.

**Why is this important?**

These efforts are part of the [AT&T Connected Learning initiative](https://about.att.com/csr/home/society/education.html), created as part of our companywide [commitment](https://about.att.com/story/2021/digital_divide.html) to help address the digital divide through internet accessibility, affordability and safe adoption.

Founded in 2007, Inspiredu’s purpose is to bridge the gaps in digital literacy and access by providing our communities most marginalized and vulnerable citizens with the resources and support they need to be competitive in pursuit of education and work preparedness.

**What are people saying?**

“The digital divide is an issue that impacts many Atlantans, including students who lack the necessary digital devices to access virtual learning and develop essential skills,” said **Atlanta City Council President Doug Shipman**. “We are grateful for AT&T’s collaboration with Inpsiredu and Compudopt that will equip Atlanta students and families with the digital tools they need to succeed in school and in life. By providing these digital resources to families, we are helping create a more equitable city and developing pathways of success for more Atlantans.”

“Our relationship with AT&T has flourished over the years, and their support for Inspiredu has been unwavering through their volunteerism, in-kind donations, and funding support,” said **Richard Hicks, President and Chief Executive Officer, Inspiredu**. “AT&T’s passion for bridging the digital divide has allowed us to continue to impact learners within the community as we work to educate and strengthen the underserved communities within Georgia.”

"The impact we've made on thousands of students and individuals to-date would not be possible without amazing corporate partners like AT&T. They equip Compudopt with the tools we need to widen our reach and continue making a change,” said **Vonda Malbrough, Senior Director of Community Impact, Compudopt**. “We're so thankful to AT&T for being equally invested in closing the digital divide in an effort to create a better tomorrow."

“At AT&T, we are committed to helping close the digital divide, and we are proud to invest in initiatives that connect and equip Atlanta students and families with the technology and digital resources they need to thrive,” said **Venessa Harrison, President, AT&T Southeast Coastal States**. “Through this collaboration with Inspiredu and Compudopt, we are empowering youth in Atlanta with the promise of tomorrow and connecting more Atlantans to greater possibility.”

**About Inspiredu**

Since 2007, Inspiredu has brought families together for fun days of learning while providing the essential tech tools and support needed for a strong home learning environment. Inspiredu inspires its communities' digital champions while striving to amplify digital inclusion and promote educational equity for all learners throughout the Atlanta metro and the state of Georgia. To learn more, please visit <https://www.iuatl.org>.

**\*About Philanthropy & Social Innovation at AT&T**

We’re committed to advancing education, creating opportunities, strengthening communities, and improving lives. As part of our companywide commitment to address the digital divide, we launched AT&T Connected Learning to invest in connectivity and technology, digital literacy, and education solutions to help today’s learners succeed inside and outside of the classroom. Since 2008 we’ve committed to programs that help millions of students across all 50 states and around the world, particularly those in underserved communities.

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