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AT&T, Compudopt, & the Heart of Florida United Way Provide 150 Laptops and Backpacks to Local Students

*Distributions are part of the employee effort to help bridge the digital divide and equip
30,000 students nationwide with supplies*

ORLANDO, Fla. (Sept. 15, 2026) – AT&T and Compudopt, in collaboration with the Heart of Florida United Way, provided 150 refurbished laptops and backpacks stuffed with school supplies to distribute to local students and families in need.

“The impact of increasing digital access for families in Central Florida should not be underestimated,” said Jeff Hayward, CEO, Heart of Florida United Way. “This project will help close the digital divide, improve STEM learning, and give students additional and necessary tools to support their education. We are grateful that AT&T has made this investment in our community.”

This event is part of a broader AT&T employee effort to help bridge the digital divide and distribute 30,000 laptops to students in qualifying households.

“AT&T is proud to collaborate with the Heart of Florida United Way to help support local students,” said Joe York, President, AT&T Southeast States. “Connectivity is vital for students, and we’re glad we can provide these resources to those who need them most.”

According to U.S. Census Bureau data, [millions](#) nationwide still don’t have access to the internet or connected devices needed to fully participate in the online world, an issue known as the digital divide. Additionally, many who do have access lack the digital skills to take advantage of the economic, health, education, and social opportunities it provides. By combining device access with hands-on training, AT&T and its partners aim to address both barriers at once.

This effort is part of [AT&T's initiative](#) to help address the digital divide through internet accessibility, affordability and safe adoption. Since 2021, AT&T [has committed](#) \$5 billion dollars to help 25 million people get and stay connected to high-speed internet by 2030, including distributing 30,000 laptops nationwide in 2026.

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About Philanthropy at AT&T

At AT&T, our corporate responsibility work is dedicated to bridging the digital divide across the country. We are committed to providing people of all ages and from every community with the essential resources they need to thrive in the digital era. For generations, we have supported programs that impact millions of individuals nationwide, and since 2021, we have committed \$5 billion to initiatives that enhance connectivity, promote digital literacy, and improve access to high-speed internet. Our efforts particularly focus on uplifting communities, including students, older adults, and un-or underemployed individuals, ensuring everyone can participate in the digital world and benefit from its opportunities.

About Heart of Florida United Way

Heart of Florida United Way (HFUW) helps individuals and families in Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties overcome life's challenges by providing the support they need to meet basic needs, achieve financial stability, and reach education goals. Since 1939, HFUW has united donors, volunteers, businesses, government, and nonprofit partners—helping light the way to a strong foundation for resilience, dignity, and a brighter future across Central Florida. During our 2025–2026 fiscal year, HFUW served more than 470,000 individuals across Central Florida through signature initiatives including 211 and 988, providing 24/7 information, referrals, and crisis support; VITA and Bank On, helping households build financial stability; and Community Schools, Help Me Grow, Destination Graduation, upliftED, Take Stock in Children, and Digital Horizons, expanding educational achievement and workforce readiness. HFUW also brings the community together through beloved annual initiatives such as the Thanksgiving Project, which helps provide holiday meals to families in need, and the Community Baby Shower, which equips expectant and new parents with essential resources and support. In 2026, HFUW introduced the United Learning Lab, which delivers technology, education, and essential support services directly into Central Florida neighborhoods. Together with community partners, HFUW is creating pathways to opportunity and ensuring every person has the resources to thrive. For more information, visit www.HFUW.org, call (407) 835-0900, or follow Heart of Florida United Way on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

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