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**Responding to urgent need, Bring Up Nebraska partners   
collaborate to bring needed technology to Platte and Colfax Counties**

***Over 80 refurbished laptops will be provided to local families to assist with e-learning***

(Schuyler, NE) – Responding to the needs of families during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Community and Family Partnership, one of the community collaboratives in the Bring Up Nebraska initiative, reached out to other partners to help provide technology to families with no current access.

First Lady Susanne Shore, a longtime champion of the Bring Up Nebraska prevention efforts, worked with [Motherboard](https://www.motherboardrecycling.org/), a social enterprise that employs adults on the autism spectrum to provide electronics recycling. **Motherboard has been asked by Governor Ricketts and First Lady Shore to assist in providing technology needs for low-income students across the state of Nebraska, so that their education can continue in this time of crisis.**

Funds from the [Nebraska Impact COVID-19 Fund](https://neimpact.org/covid-relief-fund), Community Response funds from Nebraska Children and Families Foundation, and support from The Sherwood Foundation, paid to refurbish over 80 computers. The computers will be delivered to the Community and Family Partnership (**1119 B Street, Schuyler)** on Monday, April 20, which will then be distributed to families in Platte and Colfax Counties.

First Lady Susanne Shore said, “Providing these computers to kids in Colfax and Platte counties is another example of how the Community Collaboratives across Nebraska are helping make families stronger and more successful, even in the most challenging of times. With the help of Motherboard and companies across the state that have donated computers for this program, we can help all of our children be more successful as they study from home.

This emergency caused by COVID-19 has been a curse and a blessing. We are seeing so much need in our state; however, we are also seeing the strength of our communities and generosity of our neighbors. We are lucky to live in such a great place.”

Sarah Papa, Coordinator for Community and Family Partnership said, “We are so grateful for this opportunity in Platte and Colfax Counties. I have reached out to Centro Hispano Comunitario de Nebraska,Platte Valley Literacy Agency, and Cargill Community Learning Center (all of which are local literacy organizations that are dependent on electronic connectivity with their students to continue their education in Citizenship, English as a Second Language, General Education Development, and much more). I have also reached out to local Community Response families who receive coaching and there have been families identified that will benefit from the laptops to continue their education.”

**About Nebraska Children and Families Foundation and Bring Up Nebraska**

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation supports children, young adults, and families with the overall goal of giving vulnerable kids what they need to thrive. In partnership with community collaboratives (like GCC) and state and national partners, we are proud to be leading [Bring Up Nebraska](http://www.bringupnebraska.org/), a statewide prevention initiative designed to give local community partnerships the ability to develop long-term plans using the latest data to prevent life’s challenges from becoming a crisis for families and children. Learn more at [www.NebraskaChildren.org](http://www.NebraskaChildren.org) and [www.BringUpNebraska.org](http://www.BringUpNebraska.org).

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