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MSU and MCE Bringing Technology to Northeast Baltimore Community

Donations allow local church to set up computer lab

A partnership between Morgan State University and Maryland Correctional Enterprises (MCE) will provide members of one Northeast Baltimore community with the tools they need to compete in today's world.

Morgan donated 10 computers and MCE donated computer workstations to All Saints Evangelical Lutheran Church on Loch Raven Boulevard to set up a computer lab that members of the church and surrounding community are able to utilize. Church member Bonita Harris, who helped get the program up and running, said the computer labs allow everyone, from children to high school students, access to computers they may not have at home. They can do homework, write resumes and play games.

"Even mothers going back to school have a need. Many just can't afford to buy a computer. We will have the ability to train them in whatever they need to do," stated Harris.

According to Churchill Worthery, Morgan State's Procurement Director, "These tools enhance the ability of the young men and women to compete in a high-tech society."

Maryland Correctional Enterprises, the prison industry arm of Maryland's Division of Correction, manufactured the computer workstations. Inmates who built the stations are going through a job-training and rehabilitation program that gives them the skills and experience they need to succeed once they are released.

MCE's CEO Steve Shiloh says the company is happy to be partnering with Morgan State on this worthwhile project. "We like to give back to the community. This was the perfect opportunity to help both the children and adults in this neighborhood grow to their fullest potential," Shiloh said.

Morgan State University, founded in 1867, is a Carnegie Classified doctoral research professional institution offering more than 60 academic programs leading to bachelor's degrees as well as programs at the master's and doctoral levels. As Maryland's public urban university, Morgan serves a multi-ethnic and multi-racial student body and seeks to ensure that the doors of higher education are opened as wide as possible to as many as possible.

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