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## **Computer Donations and Volunteers hit milestones at Global Harmony Institute**

**October 6, 2006** — Farmington, CT — The generosity of local businesses and individuals pay high dividends for several non-profits and individuals with computer technology from the Global Harmony Institute's Computer Donation program. "We have hit a new record! In the past 3 months volunteers logged more than 250 hours and recycled or refurbished more then 250 computers," says Brenda Stiegman, Global Harmony Institute's Volunteer Coordinator. "We have two volunteers that have logged more then 50 hours each. Since 2004 more then 400 computer items have been donated to the program, fulfilling the needs of many individuals and organizations by providing 88 workstations, 68 monitors and 2 laptops.

As part of the Global Harmony Institute's Computer Donation program, volunteers refurbish unwanted computers from individuals and businesses. Volunteers wipe the hard drives clean of data, assess the computers for usability and then refurbish them by adding parts, loading a new operating system and additional software. Once the computers are ready they are donated to non-profit organizations, schools and people who might not otherwise have access to computer technology.

Several non-profit organizations in Connecticut and two new schools in other countries have benefited from the generosity of the computer donors and the volunteers who gave new life to these used computers.

"Giving new life to your used computers is easier than you think," says Stiegman. "As soon as you replace your old computer, don't put it in a closet, give us a call! If you wait, we may not be able to refurbish the computer." Global Harmony Institute uses as many computer parts as possible from donated computers and then environmentally recycles the rest. "By donating your computer to the Global Harmony Institute's Computer Refurbishing Program, you can rest assured your old computer will not end up in a landfill, and you will be closing the technology gap for someone who may not have access to computers" added Stiegman.

To find out how to donate or request a computer, visit our website:

[www.globalharmonyinstitute.org/initiatives-computer.htm](http://www.globalharmonyinstitute.org/initiatives-computer.htm). Global Harmony Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonpolitical, nonsectarian, nonprofit organization dedicated to developing compassionate leaders and providing the inspiration, resources, and connections to help put compassion into action.

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