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Cox Communications Partnering with United Way of North Central Florida to Distribute More Than 100 Computers to Local Children in Need

GAINESVILLE, FL (March 26, 2020) — Cox Communications has partnered with United Way of North Central Florida (UWNCFL) to distribute more than 100 Chromebook computers to local children in need. These Chromebook computers have been donated as part of Cox’s mission to bridge the digital divide for community members.

“Since schools closed, we have had partners contact us looking for help for their students who are unable to access online homework and school tools.” said Mona Gil de Gibaja UWNCFL President & CEO. “During this difficult and ever-changing time, we hope that providing these computers will give these students some stability and help them to continue to succeed in school.”

Organizations receiving the Chromebook computers include Girls Place, PACE Center for Girls, Kids Count in Alachua County, Tiger Bay Initiative and the Aces in Motion after school program.

“Getting the computers into the hands of students who need them immediately was a top priority,” said Aimee Pfannenstiel, Cox Central Florida Market Vice President. “Now more than ever, we know that both connectivity and hardware are critical to ensuring students can participate in virtual learning and succeed in school.”

“Cox and UWNCFL have a long-standing relationship and a mutual goal of helping the community, so we were thrilled when Cox came to us with this partnership to help our community’s kids,” said Gil de Gibaja.

Cox has taken other measures to support the community during this pandemic. These include increasing speeds, suspending disconnections and eliminating charges for data overages. Cox has also amped up its Connect2Compete program, which is available to families enrolled in low-income assistance programs. For the next 60 days, Cox will double the speeds for all Connect2Compete customers and new enrollees will receive the first two months free until May 1. Then, the rate will rise to only \$9.95 per month.

For more information on Cox’s Connect2Complete program, please visit www.cox.com.

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United Way of North Central Florida fights for the health, education and financial stability of every person in our community and has been a staple in North Central Florida since 1957. We serve a six-county area that includes Alachua, Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy and Union counties. Since our inception, we have raised nearly \$100 million for the region. Our top priority is to create real social change that leads to better lives and healthier communities for North Central Florida.

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