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Tech Goes Home Receives New \$250,000 Grant from Patrick J. McGovern Foundation to Expand Digital Equity Efforts

BOSTON, November 2 – Today, [Tech Goes Home](#) (TGH) announced continued support from the [Patrick J. McGovern Foundation](#), in the form of a new, \$250,000 grant that will help provide more participants in TGH courses with a computer or tablet, support efforts to evaluate and further strengthen programming, and expand access to TGH courses.

TGH works to increase digital access by providing digital devices, internet access, and digital skills training programs to historically underserved communities. Working in partnership with community based organizations and a network of hundreds of community instructors, TGH provides 15 hours of tailored digital skills instruction, and graduates of TGH courses earn a free computer or tablet, along with one year of free, reliable internet access.

“The generous support from the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation is a key element of Tech Goes Home’s ability to continue expanding our digital equity efforts,” said Daniel Noyes, Co-CEO of TGH. “Thousands of individuals and families across Massachusetts remain cut off from critical resources and opportunities because of lack of digital connectivity and/or gaps in digital literacy. Addressing this urgent challenge requires both resources to cover the cost of technology and added capacity to run more courses and meet more people where they are, in community. Funding from the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation helps meet both of those needs and expand access for people across Massachusetts.”

“Tech Goes Home has a proven track record of sustainably expanding digital access – particularly in historically underserved communities – a critical component of the work that guides the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation: to ensure that every person and community can share in a more equitable, prosperous, and healthy future,” said Foundation President Vilas Dhar. “Systemic interventions to address the digital divide require more than connectivity - we need to center dignity, participation, and community ownership of digital futures.”

With the support of initial funding from the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation, more than 3,700 individuals are projected to graduate from Tech Goes Home courses this year, across more than 100 partner sites in Eastern Massachusetts. Among those graduates, 91 percent report using their new digital skills to communicate better via email, 98 percent of school-age children were able to more easily complete school work online, and three out of four graduates have used their devices and skills to access telehealth services.

About Tech Goes Home

Tech Goes Home is a nonprofit dedicated to addressing the digital inequities that pose a significant barrier to opportunity and success for thousands of students, workers, and families in Greater Boston and beyond. Working in partnership with schools, healthcare providers, and community organizations, Tech Goes Home provides curated support - including access to digital devices, network connectivity, and robust training in how to utilize digital resources - to help individuals and families pursue economic mobility, support academic achievement, access critical resources, and engage with their community and loved ones. You can learn more about Tech Goes Home's work, and ways to become involved, at techgoeshome.org.

About The Patrick J. McGovern Foundation

The Patrick J. McGovern Foundation is a global 21st-century philanthropy bridging the frontiers of artificial intelligence, data science, and social impact to create a thriving, equitable, and sustainable future for all. The Foundation's work focuses on bringing together academia, practitioners, and civil society to pursue the potential of AI and data science to address some of the world's most urgent challenges.

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