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Tech Goes Home Receives $150,000 Grant from Patrick J. McGovern Foundation to Support Digital Equity Programming

BOSTON, February 8, 2024 – Tech Goes Home (TGH), a leading Massachusetts nonprofit committed to closing the digital divide, announced today that it received a $150,000 grant from the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation (PJMF) to support TGH's digital skills programming and enhance outreach efforts across the Commonwealth.

"We are grateful for the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation's partnership, support, and ongoing recognition of our work to close the digital divide in Massachusetts," said **Dan Noyes, CEO of Tech Goes Home**. "With this funding, we'll be able to build on the success of our digital equity model – providing devices, access to affordable internet, and culturally-responsive digital skills training – and continue to scale our efforts to reach unserved populations. I look forward to our continued relationship with PJMF as we work together to help more families and individuals share in the economic, social, and health benefits of successfully navigating the digital world."

"Nearly every aspect of today's world is impacted by individuals' ability to connect to and navigate the digital landscape. Tech Goes Home is leading the way in closing the digital divide in Massachusetts, and we are enthusiastic about its efforts to expand and serve more learners," said **Vilas Dhar, President of the Patrick J. McGovern Foundation**. "We are proud to support Tech Goes Home and its transformational, community-focused approach to advancing digital equity."

Awarded in December of 2023, the grant will help TGH expand its work across Massachusetts to provide learners with a laptop or tablet, reliable internet access, and 15 hours of digital skills training. Founded in Boston, TGH partners with community-focused organizations – like schools, libraries, and nonprofits – and utilizes a network of local instructors to reach individuals and families facing barriers to digital access.

PJMF's latest commitment brings their total support for TGH to $800,000 over three years, including their funding support in the release of TGH's groundbreaking report, *Developing a Digital Equity Theory of Change with Tech Goes Home*. Recently featured on the Connected Nation podcast and WCVB's CityLine, the report – authored in conjunction with the Digital Equity Research Center at the Metropolitan New York Library Council – focuses on creating a strong theory of change for TGH and identifying key strategies for evaluating the success of digital equity programming nationwide.

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 across Massachusetts. 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 (PJMF) is a philanthropic organization dedicated to advancing artificial intelligence and data science solutions to create a thriving, equitable, and sustainable future for all. PJMF works in partnership with public, private, and social institutions to drive progress on our most pressing challenges, including digital health, climate change, broad digital access, and data maturity in the social sector. For more information, visit https://www.mcgovern.org/.

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