

Project Boom Summary

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Over the past few decades, there has been a massive increase in the use of personal computers in education and in turn, massive disparities in access. The situation has been exacerbated over the past six months as the coronavirus has forced many schools and other educational institutions to transition to online learning. While some students have been given devices by their schools, this hasn't happened universally.

Project Boom is a nonprofit (<https://projectboom.org/legal>) that seeks to play a role in increasing student access to technology, decreasing unnecessary electronic waste, and providing leadership opportunities to students. We plan to accomplish these goals by receiving donated computers that would otherwise be thrown away, refurbishing them, and making them available to students either at a reduced cost or for free.

We are sourcing computers through both community and corporate donors. We have already received computers that would have otherwise been thrown away, but after refurbishment proves to be suitable for word processing, web browsing, and video conferencing. Additionally, government agencies frequently have surplus computers that they sell at very low prices to nonprofits.

The refurbishment process involves vetting computers for suitability before cleaning them and upgrading parts as deemed necessary. As more computers are donated and processed additional students will be taught computer repair skills. This will allow students who are interested in computers to have hands-on experience repairing them while making an impact.

There are multiple aspects we are looking for:

- Those who can donate computers and electronics.

- Individuals, please visit projectboom.org/donate.
- Corporate, contact sponsorship@projectboom.org.
- Those who can donate funds.
 - Individuals, please visit projectboom.org/donate.
 - Corporate, contact sponsorship@projectboom.org.
- Those who would benefit from receiving a computer.
 - Students, projectboom.org/request.
 - Organizations acting on behalf of students or for students, contact Kunal Botla at kunal@projectboom.org.

Questions? Reach out to contact@projectboom.org and the team member who will best be able to help you will get in touch with you.

Sincerely,

The Project Boom Team

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