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# Daugherty Business Solutions to Donate Computer Equipment to Washington Park School

## *AmeriCorps program brings needed technology to area families*

SAINT LOUIS, Missouri (November 21, 2006)—Employees from Daugherty Business Solutions, a St. Louis-based IT Consulting firm, will make a special holiday delivery to Washington Park Community and Youth Center on Saturday, December 9, at 9:00 a.m. As part of a continued commitment to support efforts to bridge the digital divide in lower income communities, Daugherty employees, along with help from the Kimmel Student Leadership Program at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and AmeriCorps/East St. Louis, will distribute Daugherty donated computers to children participating in after school programs in the East St. Louis community.

“Many of these students don’t have access to computers at home, so the computers that Daugherty has generously donated to our program will provide them with a much-needed resource. While children have limited access to computers at school and in their after school programs, having a computer at home can make a significant impact on their technological skills and their future in our technological age” explained Dr. Don Baden, director of AmeriCorps/East St. Louis.

Daugherty Business Solutions, along with other area companies, donates computers throughout the year to AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps members and student volunteers refurbish the machines for re-use. This provides excellent training for the members and valuable computers for students. AmeriCorps teams up with the student leadership program at SIUE to coordinate the distribution of the equipment at area schools. The SIUE students show the parents and their children how to set up the computers when they get them home.

Over the past eight years, AmeriCorps has given away around 800 computers. Since December of 2004, Daugherty Business Solutions has donated 75-100 desktop computers and monitors, along with whiteboards and other office furniture to the AmeriCorps program. This holiday give away marks the first time Daugherty employees will be assisting in the distribution process.

“Connecting with our community is a key component of our business philosophy,” said Daugherty Vice President, Jan Daugherty. “In addition, e-waste is the most rapidly growing waste problem in the world, so it makes more sense from an environmental perspective as well. We are very happy to support this program.”

### ABOUT DAUGHERTY BUSINESS SOLUTIONS

Since 1985, Daugherty Business Solutions ([www.daugherty.com](http://www.daugherty.com)) has helped companies achieve their business objectives through the integration of business processes and leading technologies. Daugherty’s partnering approach, proven methods, and staff of over 400 business and technical experts enables the firm to provide world-class custom application development, business intelligence, mobile, and ERP/CRM solutions. Daugherty provides end-to-end technology services from its development centers in St. Louis, Atlanta, Chicago, and Minneapolis to leading global companies.

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