RECA Foundation
Realizing Every Community Asset

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The Columbia Free-Net
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(Community Resources)

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RECA has the distinction of being the first Community Network in 1992, the first Free-Net to use a PC, the first public – free dial up e-mail, the first Community Technology Center, the first computer reuse program (RECA is a MAR – Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher), one of the first members of Community Connects, and the first public access server in the state of Washington. 4People is the first online Information & Referral database (free public access since 1998) and is the first multi agency case management system using technology to connect our communities to vital services and information.

Connecting Our Communities requires
Computer Access, Literacy, and Content

Access: Every kindergarten child could easily have a reused computer in their home, providing access to learning tools many low income families don't have. RECA Foundation has designed a Beginning Computer with a security system that allows children to learn to use the computer, without breaking or deleting programs. RECA also provides a low cost Internet Ready Computer. This computer includes initial training and follow-up support for two years. RECA's computer reuse program has successfully served over 1000 families, all low income, and many that only speak Spanish.

Literacy: Computer literacy comes in stages, from the first time computer user or a 3 year old just beginning to read, to high school students needing computers for homework. People with disabilities needing adaptive software and hardware, to adults needing communication tools and computer knowledge to perform their jobs. Frequently, first time users, especially low income clients, have a bad experience if they buy a new computer. Without the education component and a build-in learning curve, the new computer can rapidly become an expensive doorstop, infected with spyware and viruses.

Content: The content on the Internet needs to be useful, relevant, timely, and easy to access**.** There are thousands of non-profits, government and faith-based service providers throughout Washington State with limited content on the Internet. 4People has developed a highly successful model that streamlines vital content in an online Information & Referral database and connects community organizations using an online case management system.

Comprehensive approach to computer access, literacy, and content: The RECA Foundation is just one of many Community Technology programs serving low income families in the State of Washington that has made a difference. We thank you for your support.

Finances

Beginning Balance	$4,858.96	
Total Income		$52,957.30
Total Expenses		48,968.16
Ending Balance	$3989.14	

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