



RECA Foundation

Realizing Every Community Asset

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The Columbia Free-Net (TCFN)
Columbia Basin Public
Information Network (CBPIN)
4People.org
 (Community Resources and Case Management)

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2008 Annual Report

RECA has numerous distinctions in Washington State: first Community Network (1992), first free public access to Internet e-mail (1993), first Free-Net (1994), first Community Technology Center (1997), the first computer reuse program - 1997 (RECA is a [MAR](#) – Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher) , and one of the first members of Communities Connect Network - <http://communitiesconnect.org/> .

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. Our Beginning Computer is a "kid proof", with tools to help low income families learn computer technology. We also provide 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, with many Spanish speaking only.

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 buying 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. RECA Hosts [4People.org's](#) 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 positive difference. We thank you for your support.

Finances

Beginning Balance		\$3989
Total Income	\$45,428	
Total Expenses	\$44,744	
Ending Balance		\$684