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CareerSource South Florida Donates 40 Life-Changing Laptops to Local Youth in Greater Goulds as Part of Miami-Dade County's FutureReady Initiative



Miami, FL – November 22, 2024 – CareerSource South Florida (CSSF) continues its ongoing partnership with Miami-Dade County through the *FutureReady* initiative, focused on driving inclusive economic growth and digital access across the region. As part of this effort, CSSF distributed 40 Chromebooks to the youth members of the Greater Goulds Optimist Club, providing essential tools to help bridge the digital divide and equip local youth for future academic and career success.

This distribution is part of a broader series of neighborhood-focused activations that CareerSource South Florida has been organizing as part of its commitment to digital inclusion. By working with public and private sector partners, CSSF is helping connect residents to critical resources such as digital literacy programs, workforce development opportunities, and access to technology.

"We understand that for many families in Miami-Dade, access to the internet and digital tools is a significant barrier to success. With rising costs and an increasingly digital world, these resources are essential for students to keep pace with academic requirements and prepare for tomorrow's workforce," said Rick Beasley, Executive Director of CareerSource South Florida.



"This initiative is just one of many ways in which we are helping to level the playing field and empower the youth in our community."

This marks the second community fair organized by CareerSource South Florida as part of the *FutureReady* activation series, with the first event also featuring the distribution of 40 laptops donated by Comcast. These Chromebooks will allow students in the Greater Goulds community to access critical learning resources, engage in digital literacy programs, and prepare for future workforce opportunities.

"We are proud to be at the center of this effort to provide tangible resources to the communities who need them the most," added Beasley. "By ensuring that young people in Miami-Dade have the digital tools they need, we are investing in their future and in the continued growth and success of our local economy."

In addition to the Chromebook distribution, these events feature a variety of other resources for the community, such as the Library Techno bus, health screenings, free refreshments and water, among others, designed to engage families and provide essential services on site. CareerSource South Florida's mobile unit was also on-site, offering job search assistance, training programs, and other workforce development resources to help residents secure employment and career advancement.

As part of the *FutureReady* initiative, CareerSource South Florida continues to work closely with Miami-Dade County and other stakeholders to provide long-term solutions to digital inclusion and workforce readiness, ensuring that all residents have access to the tools and opportunities they need to succeed.

About CareerSource South Florida: CareerSource South Florida is a public-private partnership charged with managing workforce development and training policies for Miami-Dade County. CareerSource South Florida provides high quality, customized employment and training solutions to workers and employers in support of economic development. Services are available to everyone at no cost through a network of centers located throughout the region. For more information on CareerSource South Florida, including valuable resources for businesses and job seekers, please visit www.careersourcesfl.com.

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