Philadelphia Eagles Touchdowns And Lockheed Martin Bring Computers To Kensington High School Through `Touchdowns For Technology' Program

Every time Merrill Reese announced a touchdown on Eagles Radio 94WYSP this past season, the children in the Philadelphia School District benefited. Today, Lockheed Martin donated 35 computers to Kensington High School, representing touchdowns scored by the Eagles. The Lockheed Martin "Touchdowns for Technology" program was developed in cooperation with Eagles Radio and Philadelphia Cares.

The presentation of the computers was made before a group of 1,200 Kensington students. Lockheed Martin and school district representatives were joined by Eagles players Ike Reese and Sean Landetta, in addition to the Eagles cheerleaders and mascot "Swoop."

Lockheed Martin's Network of Volunteer Associates (NOVA) employees, committed to community service, delivered and installed the computers, substantially increasing the school's computer resources.

"Lockheed Martin has made a long-term investment in the future of our students and our students will not let them down. They are excited about the challenge. Kensington High School is very appreciative of the generosity of Lockheed Martin, Philadelphia Cares, 94WYSP and the Philadelphia Eagles. These computers and the new IT program sponsored by Lockheed Martin will certainly help enhance learning opportunities for many of our students," said Tomas Hanna, principal, Kensington High School.

"This assistance allows our students to explore new technology and to become better prepared for post-secondary educational success. It also demonstrates to the students that their school is valued outside of the immediate community, boosting their sense of pride," Hanna added.

Lockheed Martin's "Touchdowns for Technology" initiative grew out of a growing awareness of the technology needs of under-resourced schools in the area. Approximately 35 additional computers will be donated to Mastbaum Technical School.

Both schools are participating in Pennsylvania's first Information Technology Apprenticeship Program developed by Lockheed Martin to give high school students a chance to pursue career opportunities in IT.

Eagles Radio play-by-play announcer Merrill Reese, Philadelphia Eagles punter Sean Landetta, middle linebacker Ike Reese, and team cheerleaders and mascot, "Swoop" participated with 1,200 students in today's event.

Eagles Radio is committed to working closely with Partners in Technology, a program of Philadelphia Cares. This unique program enables volunteers to bring technology into Philadelphia's most underprivileged neighborhoods. Philadelphia Cares created the Partners in Technology as another way to address the Greater Philadelphia region's critical needs through volunteer action. The program benefits communities by giving adults and children access to computers, to the Internet and to computer training. The primary focus is to enable others to build a brighter future through technology.

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