



ORION offers hope for individuals and families experiencing hardship due to poverty, disability or illness by building bridges that lead to self-reliance

We believe that every person deserves shelter, food, clothing, transportation and access to healthcare. ORION listens at the street level and responds to the unmet needs of our most vulnerable neighbors with creativity, compassion and collaboration.

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Robert Toperek
TeamChildren
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Dear Robert,

Orion Communities has recently completed our STARS* pilot program during the fall semester with the Phoenixville Area High School. As you know, a donor gifted Orion 100 laptops from TeamChildren with software including BrillKids and web-filtering software. The donor's requirement was for Orion to create a program to give the computers to children from low income households that included teaching digital literacy to their parents and that there be a strong reading component.

By all accounts our STARS* pilot has been a success! The reaction of the parents and children has been very enthusiastic. The school district has also been encouraged by the results of the pilot and have recently sent out notices to additional families to join STARS*. For more details, please see the attached article that appeared in Orion's winter newsletter.

Our next step is to prepare for full implementation in March/April of this year. Many thanks to the TeamChildren staff and BrillKids for helping to make computer access and education enrichment programs via computer a reality for our most vulnerable children and their families.

Sincerely,

Executive Director

STARS* - Sharing Technology Advances Reading Skills

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My name is Christina Belanger and I am a home caregiver for Ameribest Homecare services and my patient Jason Pennington (45) suffers from Multiple Sclerosis a neurological disease that affects the immune system brain and spinal cord. Jason needs help with many daily tasks including self care, meal prep and transportation to doctor appointments. He has trouble with his vision, muscle spasms, speech and focus but still would like to further his education and is in need of a laptop.

Jason also has two children to support and lives in Norristown, Pa. SSI does not even cover all of his living expenses so I hope to be able to assist him in obtaining a laptop to pursue his goals, dreams and give him a better quality of life. I hear wonderful things about how Team Children helps others and appreciate them helping my disabled patient Jason Pennington today with a beautiful Dell laptop equipped with everything we needs to succeed! THANK YOU TEAM CHILDREN!!!

Christina Belanger
Home Health Care Provider