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The Right Click News

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### Empowerment Through Technology

Greetings from the Executive Director

Dear Friend,



Thank you for taking the time to open this month's Right Click news. We know that we have bombarded your inbox recently with information about Amplify Austin, one of the largest fundraising events in the community. Now that the event is over, we are excited to share the results with you below. Just know that we are always looking for ways to continue providing free services to our clients.

As we head into Spring, we are looking forward to launching new program activities such as Digital Literacy Week and participating in more community outreach events. Soon, we will also be celebrating an Austin Free-Net milestone—20 years! Look for more information shortly. We hope that you will be able to join us. Purchase your tickets early because they will go fast!

With your continued support, we will succeed in keeping the community informed about Austin Free-Net and all of the wonderful things we do.

Sincerely,  
Juanita Budd

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**AFN Client Success**  
**Marcelo Perez**



"The knowledge we offer helps people obtain jobs, improve their lives, and participate as active citizens."

Seeing these words from our mission on a brochure inspired Marcelo Perez, an ex-offender to immediately visit our computer labs. At the time, he was meeting his parole officer and wanted to re-enter the workforce. Austin Free-Net gave Marcelo the chance he

**Thank You Amplify Austin Donors!**



Thanks to the generous spirit of our donors, \$2,800 was raised this year for Austin Free-Net during Amplify Austin, March 5 - 6, 2015.

"Keep up the great work you guys," was one of the many supportive comments made by donors throughout the 24-hour fundraising event. We are proud to help people in Austin become independent computer users, help them find work, and become active citizens in our community.

[Thank you again 2015 AFN Amplify Donors.](#)

**Digital Literacy Week Coming Soon**



"Choose your own Adventure" is the theme of our latest technology program, kicking off March 23, 2015. Thanks to a new multi-year grant with Southwest Key Programs, we will be offering four weekly computer training events throughout the year for adult members of the East Austin community. The first Digital Literacy

Week, March 23 -27, will teach students online job search techniques, how to use Google Translate, E-mail setup and many other basic computer skills. We are coordinating the event with East Austin College Prep, one of two schools managed by Southwest Key Programs in Austin. We are eager to meet and work with the staff and parents.

Southwest Key Programs, is a national nonprofit located in Austin founded to improve the lives of children and their families. For more information about Digital Literacy Week, contact Yubelly Peréz, Southwest Key Programs at 512-949-2678.

**Tech Starters Inaugural Graduation**

Austin Free-Net and Austin Pathways graduated its first class of Tech Starters on March 2 at the Housing Authority of the City of Austin's Manchaca Village.



Net gave Marcelo the chance he needed to make a fresh start.

[Read more about Marcelo's journey](#)

**Did you know?**

We offer free Internet access and training in several [City of Austin Neighborhood Centers](#).

- Blackland Neighborhood Center
- Conley-Guerrero Activity Center
- Rosewood Zaragosa Neighborhood Center
- South Austin Neighborhood Center
- St. John's Neighborhood Center



**Volunteers Wanted**

Austin Free-Net is always looking for great volunteers to help our clients navigate the Internet and learn basic computer skills. If you are reading this newsletter online, you already have all the skills you need! Learn more about our [volunteer program](#) and contact our Volunteer Manager Nancy Green at 512-236-8225 to volunteer today!

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Each of the residents who completed the digital literacy class received a certificate of participation and a refurbished computer, complete with installed software, a mouse, keyboard and monitor.

[Read more about the students favorite digital activities.](#)

### Mark Your Calendar: Eastside STEM Festival!



Saturday, April 11, the Eastside STEM Festival and Summer Kick-off event will bring together a day of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) demonstrations and hands-on activities for parents and kids of all ages. There will also be an on-site planetarium, reptile show, robots, and fun activities provided by the Eastside Memorial Vertical Team of schools. The free community event will be held 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Eastside Memorial High School. Be sure to visit the Austin Free-Net booth at the event.

[Click here for more information about the event.](#)

[volunteer program](#) and contact our Volunteer Manager Nancy Green at 512-236-8225 to volunteer today!

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