

# Computer Banc

Connecting Kids With Technology

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Computer Banc has reopened with limited operations and will resume distribution of computers beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> thanks to the generosity of local organizations, including Horace Mann, Hillier Storage & Moving, Catholic Charities, IBEW Local 193, the Illinois Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association, the Salvation Army, Springfield Electric, and Security Bank.

Computer Banc is launching a “Back to Basics” fundraising campaign to generate money to fund full operations through 2010. The goal of the campaign is to focus on Computer Banc’s core strength – providing computers to families and non-profit organizations – and establish financial partnerships with the community.

Businesses and individuals wishing to help are encouraged to call Computer Banc at 528-9506. Donations will also be accepted at any INB or Security Bank location or online at [www.computerbanc.info](http://www.computerbanc.info). People wishing to receive computers are asked to call after October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Supporters may also participate in a motorcycle charity ride sponsored by IBEW Local 193 on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. For details contact the IBEW at 544-3479.

Earlier this month Computer Banc’s board of directors closed its operations citing a decline in used computer donations, difficulty obtaining state and private grants, and the loss of recycling income due to changes in state regulations.

Board President Kevin Stevenson stated, “In this economy everyone is feeling the pinch and Computer Banc was no exception. The reaction to Computer Banc’s closing, however, was overwhelming. We knew all along that our mission of providing technology was essential to improving the learning process and eventual career opportunities of at-risk K-12 area students. Now we know others in the community feel as strongly about our mission as we do.”

Since 1999 Computer Banc has refurbished computers donated by area businesses and provided them to families of at-risk K-12 students in central Illinois. Each computer is loaded with Windows XP and a collection of educational software. Refurbished computers are also provided to area social service agencies for use by the agencies and their clients. In 2008 Computer Banc distributed over 400 computers. Computer Banc was named a United Way certified agency in 2009.

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