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### **Children's Network of SWFL and FGCU Provide Computers to Youth Aging out of Foster Care**

(Ft Myers)-Thanks to an amazing partnership between Children's Network of SWFL and Florida Gulf Coast University, 50 youth that have aged out of foster care will receive computers to assist them in furthering their education. Youth that age of foster care face lifelong challenges and need lasting community partnerships to help them achieve their goals. "We are extremely pleased with the opportunity that this provides our youth transitioning into adulthood", says Ray Fischer, Chief Operating Officer for the Children's Network of SWFL.

"FGCU's donation of obsolete computer equipment to vital and valued organizations has served to provide technology to the underserved members of our community who may not have otherwise had the ability to realize their full potential within their chosen academic and professional fields. We are honored to be able to encourage this growth and excellence, ", says Pat O'Connor-Benson, Director of Academic & Event Technology at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Children's Network of SWFL is the private, nonprofit lead agency that administers the child welfare system in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades Counties. Its mission is to work with the community to protect children and preserve families. Children's Network is responsible for approximately 1,400 children and their caregivers, and delivers a comprehensive local system of care through subcontracts with more than 50 social service agencies. Since its founding in 2003, the organization has worked so that Southwest Florida's abused children are safer, have more access to resources and are able to achieve permanency quickly. For more information about Children's Network and its services, visit [www.childnetswfl.org](http://www.childnetswfl.org) or call us at 239-226-1524.

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The Children's Network of Southwest Florida is committed to working with the community to protect children and preserve families.

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