Whole Man Ministries receives computers for new Community Center

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The Bridging the Gap Community Center, a community project of Whole Man Ministries, has received 10 wireless computers and desks from WinstonNet, a non-profit that works to bridge the local digital divide.

The computers could not come at a better time for Whole Man Ministries, which is led by Pastor Barry Washington and Co-Pastor Camille Washington. The Ministries is taking on the responsibility of focusing on the challenges that youths are facing in the community. When all the pieces have been put into place, the community center will be located in the Southeast Ward of the city at 3916 Old Lexington Road, where Whole Man Ministries is located.

The Bridging the Gap Community Center will be used to help advance local youths by using technology.

"Technology has the power to improve the way we educate, create economic opportunity and jobs. We are looking forward to partnering with the WinstonNet to make it a collaborative effort in creating sustainable technology skills training that



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The computers were set-up last week.

make a lasting difference in people's lives," the Ministries said in a statement.

The Community Center will make high-risk teens – such as those coping with pregnancy, foster care, school issues, drug use, gang involvement, homelessness and imprisonment – its main focus.

"We will work hands on with them to build family relationships, job readiness skills, values, social, economic and educational success," Ministries leaders say, "by teaching and training poverty stricken individuals to take advantage of the educational, economic tools and opportunities presented by computer technology; to increase their self reliance and sufficiency of life skills management, and positive social and economical interaction."

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