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HUNTERDON CENTRAL JOINS SHIVSAA FOUNDATION TO DONATE CHROMEBOOKS TO STUDENTS IN INDIA

Students at a school in India will now have access to 20 gently used Chromebooks thanks to a donation by the Hunterdon Central Regional High School District in conjunction with the Shivsaa Foundation.

Founded in 2020 by high school and middle school students, the Shivsaa Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is dedicated to fueling the future by expanding access, equity and opportunity for underserved communities both locally and globally through service-driven initiatives in healthcare and education. While locally they have raised $23,000 for Hunterdon Health Foundation and been recognized by Raritan Township Committee for its youth leadership and contributions, last year the Foundation pivoted to global outreach and connected with students in India who need assistance.

Through conversations with Creation EduCare Inc, a New Jersey non-profit that supports 27 students across 14 schools in India with tuition, books, uniforms, meals and other essentials, the Shivsaa Foundation saw an opportunity to assist with educational needs for these students. One of the co-founders of the Foundation, Shiven Bansal, a junior at Hunterdon Central Regional High School, turned to the high school's technology department to inquire about donating used Chromebooks to these Indian students.

"We are so proud to see the Shivsaa Foundation, founded by one of our students, leading the way in creating powerful learning experiences that make a real difference in the world. We're thrilled to donate these gently used Chromebooks to help our students support peers abroad," said Mr. Charles Roberto, Supervisor of Technology for Hunterdon Central Regional High School.

Students graduating from Hunterdon Central have the option of turning in their district-issued Chromebook or pay the school to keep it. Of the Chromebooks turned in, the ones in the best condition are reused or donated.

"It is the honor and privilege of the Shivsaa Foundation to take even a small step towards bridging the global gap in education. By helping provide these students with the same opportunities we sometimes take for granted here in the United States, we hope to empower their futures and fuel their potential," said Bansal.

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