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### **Tech Goes Home Receives \$500,000 in New Funding in State Economic Development Legislation**

BOSTON, November 11 – The recently-revived economic development legislation put forward by the Massachusetts Legislature and signed into law yesterday by Governor Baker, includes \$500,000 in funding for [Tech Goes Home](#) (TGH). The new funding from the State will allow TGH to continue expanding its digital equity programming across Massachusetts, and connect more people with the digital tools and resources they need to thrive.

TGH works in partnership with a diverse network of community-based organizations to provide learners - ranging in age from 3 to 96 - with high-quality digital devices (computers or tablets), reliable internet, and tailored digital skills training led by trusted community instructors. In the past five years, more than 20,000 learners have graduated from a TGH course and TGH saw demand for its programming increase significantly after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Started in Boston, TGH has grown to serve nearly 20 communities in Greater Boston and Essex County with both in-person and virtual courses, and plans to continue expanding statewide in the coming months.

The new State funding was championed by State Representative Chynah Tyler, and supported by Reps Russell Holmes, Liz Malia, and Nika Elugardo, who represent communities in Boston where increased digital access has the potential to help residents overcome significant barriers to education, economic opportunity, healthcare, and more.

“This new funding represents a significant boost to Tech Goes Home’s efforts to increase digital access statewide, and we are grateful to the elected leaders who championed and supported these critical resources,” said TGH Chief Advocacy Officer Marvin Venay. “The COVID-19 pandemic, in particular, made clear the consequences of persistent disparities in digital access – in both urban and rural communities across Massachusetts. With this initial funding, TGH will be able to continue scaling up our programming, and provide thousands of residents with computers, reliable internet, and culturally-responsive skills training.”

“Tech Goes Home provides an essential service that is critical to ensuring that our communities stay connected in this new era of technology,” said Representative Tyler. “I am grateful to represent a very engaged community in Boston and am committed to ensuring that as the world shifts, that they continue to be afforded the opportunity to stay engaged.”

“TGH’s efforts have been invaluable to connecting many students and seniors to the information highway of the world,” said Representative Holmes. “The stark digital divide between the haves and have-nots has never been more apparent, and these funds are critical to providing both the

tools and training needed by constituents to be on the information highway that many take for granted.”

### **About TGH**

Tech Goes Home is a nonprofit dedicated to addressing the digital inequities that pose a significant barrier to opportunity and success for thousands of students, workers, and families in Greater Boston and beyond. Working in partnership with schools, healthcare providers, and community organizations, Tech Goes Home provides curated support - including access to digital devices, network connectivity, and robust training in how to utilize digital resources - to help individuals and families pursue economic mobility, support academic achievement, access critical resources, and engage with their community and loved ones. Since TGH was founded in 2000, more than 50,000 people have graduated from a TGH course. You can learn more about Tech Goes Home’s work, and ways to become involved, at [techgoeshome.org](http://techgoeshome.org).

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