Donating to Computers for the Blind

Thank you for your interest in donating to Computers for the Blind! Our organization depends on donations from many sources. Our hardware needs regularly change, so this is a guide to the parts that we can accept as donations.

Important Points

- All parts donated will be used to further our mission, which includes refurbishing and shipping systems to consumers, selling systems or parts to fund our program, and giving systems or parts away to chosen individuals.
- All received hard drives are wiped with a standard 3-pass method; D.O.D. wipe with certificate available upon request.
- A donation receipt for tax purposes can be provided for any donations to CFTB.

Hardware Requirements

The software that we ship to our consumers (JAWS or ZoomText) has hardware requirements, and we can only ship computers that meet these requirements. Unfortunately, because of space and other restrictions, we cannot accept donations that do not meet these standards. Please use the following to determine whether we can accept your donation.

- Intel 4th Gen Core-I series or higher, AMD 5th Gen A series or higher
- Devices with EMMC or soldered storage generally cannot be used
- Device needs to be capable of 8GB of memory at the least
- Mobile devices that are not account locked are accepted
- Monitors must be flat panel style, and 19" or larger; any other type of monitor cannot be accepted
- Other parts that we can accept: video cords, power cords, mice, keyboards, speakers, internal memory, laptop power supplies, hard drives or solid state drives
- Parts that we cannot accept: printers, server equipment, non-computing equipment (phones, modems, A/V equipment, home appliances)

To start your donation, please fill out the donation form on our website first. We will respond with whether we can accept your donation, and the steps to get the donation to us if we can. Although we appreciate every donation, due to limitations in time, space, and hardware needs, we make a decision for each donation request, and we may decline donations. Please consider donating these devices to another organization; we have listed a few below. Contact us at info@computersfortheblind.org if you have any questions. More information can be found at computersfortheblind.org/donate/

If you are wanting to donate an item that we do not accept please see the options below:

- http://tech-away.com/ (CFTB partner, we receive credit for recycled parts. Local Dallas bulk donors only)
- https://dallascityhall.com/departments/sanitation/Pages/electronic_waste.aspx (Local Dallas ewaste recycling)
- https://www.call2recycle.org/ (USA national recycling network)
- https://search.earth911.com/ (Recycler database)

We would like to express our gratitude for your generosity. Without your donations Computers for the Blind would not be able to provide assistive technology to person(s) who are blind and low vision.