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Donated computers power up three Queen Charlotte Island Charities *39 Northern B.C. organizations receive needed computer equipment from TELUS*

Queen Charlotte Islands, B.C. – Three Queen Charlotte Island charities and non-profits are getting new computers from TELUS to help them continue providing important community services.

TELUS is helping during these tough economic times by offering computers to northern B.C. organizations that need updated technology. Three Queen Charlotte Island groups expressed interest when TELUS put the word out in January, the School District #50 Strong Start Program, Agnes L. Mathers Electronic School Program and Port Clements Elementary School. In total, 39 organizations across B.C.'s northern region will welcome new computer equipment.

"In the current economic climate, it's critical that everyone reaches out and offers a helping hand, especially to those organizations providing emotional, physical, educational, and financial support in their communities," said Michelle Gaites, director of TELUS Technology Operations in Prince George. "These computers will be used for emergency service support, learning development, educational research, and so much more. I'm so proud to be a part of TELUS' goal to give where we live by supporting local communities."

The United Way generously stepped up to coordinate this initiative, and distribute the computers to those organizations needing new equipment.

The Canadian Red Cross in Prince George is among those organizations taking advantage of TELUS' offer.

"Red Cross is very grateful to TELUS for their incredibly generous donation," said Matthew Preto, Health Equipment Loan Program (HELP) coordinator for the Canadian Red Cross. "These computers are going to enhance the service of Red Cross HELP depots throughout northern B.C. that provide short term loans of much needed medical equipment to those recovering from injury, illness or surgery."

The Red Cross will use the new computers to give volunteers throughout the region access to the electronic HELP database to create loan records and Red Cross email accounts, to increase communication between community depots, and to maintain electronic equipment inventories important in the servicing and maintenance of equipment.

The computers come equipped with Windows Vista software and everything needed to get up and running right away.

For information about TELUS' community investment, organizations are encouraged to visit telus.com/community.

About TELUS

TELUS (TSX: T, T.A; NYSE: TU) is a leading national telecommunications company in Canada, with \$9.5 billion of annual revenue and 11.5 million customer connections including 6 million wireless subscribers, 4.3 million wireline network access lines and 1.2 million Internet subscribers. TELUS provides a wide range of communications products and services including data, Internet protocol (IP), voice, entertainment and video. In support of our philosophy to give where we live, TELUS, our team members and retirees have contributed \$113 million to charitable and not-for-profit organizations and volunteered more than 2.1 million hours of service to local communities since 2000. Nine TELUS Community Boards across Canada lead our local philanthropic initiatives. For more information about TELUS, please visit telus.com.

About United Way

The United Way has developed a targeted approach to meeting the needs in each community in the northern BC region, focusing on five key areas: successful kids, empowered families, supportive communities, involved seniors and healthy citizens.

The United Way has been improving lives throughout Northern B.C. by investing in individuals, children, families and communities since 1968. Through its network of agencies, the United Way helps one in three people in Northern B.C. The people whose lives are changed by the United Way are all around us – our neighbours, colleagues, relatives and friends.

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