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### **ITDRC Secures Computer Equipment Donation for Joplin, MO Non-profits**

Fort Worth, Texas- October 28, 2011 – Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of IT professionals who assist communities with technology continuity and recovery, today announced it has facilitated computer donations from the Missouri Rental Dealers Association (MRDA) for 2 Joplin, Missouri non-profit organizations.

Macy Mitchell, Vice President of the MRDA will present twelve desktop computers to the Four State Christian Home Schoolers Association, and twelve notebook computers to AmeriCorps representatives at the Volunteer Center in Joplin next Tuesday at 11AM.

The Four State Christian Home Schoolers will use the donated computers in a new computer lab to allow students to complete computer based assignments and conduct research online. The lab will also be available after school hours to provide adults with access to computer training, continuing education courses, and online job searches.

AmeriCorps provides volunteer management services for the ongoing tornado relief efforts in Joplin, matching citizen requests for repairs with skilled volunteers. The new equipment will be used for volunteer recruiting, tracking service requests and documenting volunteer activities. The donation will replace systems currently on loan to the organization from Missouri Southern State University.

The MRDA sponsors a "Computers 4 Kidz" program annually, providing computers to schools and organizations which further child development and education. "The AmeriCorps donation is slightly outside of our box, but we saw the need in Joplin" said Mitchell. Local MRDA members and hundreds of their customers were impacted by the F5 tornado that struck the community on May 22, destroying a third of the town.

ITDRC staff will install and configure the new equipment for both organizations as a public service through an ongoing recovery initiative in Joplin.

#### **About MRDA**

The Missouri Rental Dealers Association (MRDA) works with the Association of Progressive Rental Organizations (APRO) to provide membership and the general public with the latest information regarding legislative initiatives concerning the rent-to-own industry. They are a 5 time recipient of the APRO "State Association of the Year" award for their outstanding contributions to the industry and communities they represent. More information is available at [www.missourirentaldealers.org](http://www.missourirentaldealers.org)

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### **About Four State Christian Home Schoolers Association**

The Four State Home Schoolers began as an informal group of parents sharing teaching resources and concepts over 20 years ago. To date, over 2000 students have graduated under the program, which now operates from multiple locations in the Joplin area. Fifty students are currently enrolled in the program at the Joplin Family Worship Center branch, under the oversight of the Four State Christian School.

### **About the ITDRC**

The Information Technology Disaster Resource Center, Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public charity comprised of IT Professionals; organized in 2009 to provide technology continuity and recovery assistance to communities and small businesses affected by disaster. Services are provided at no cost by a volunteer team of service oriented professionals with resources and experience in most technology disciplines. More information on the ITDRC is available at [www.itdrc.org](http://www.itdrc.org)

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### Media Opportunity

Representatives from the ITDRC, MRDA, Four States Christian Home Schoolers, and AmeriCorps will be available for interviews on Tuesday, November 1 at 11AM at the City of Joplin / AmeriCorps Volunteer Center, 520 S. School Avenue in Joplin, MO.

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