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**COMPUTERS4KIDS RECEIVES GRANT AWARD  
FROM THE CHARLOTTESVILLE AREA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

Charlottesville, VA – On September 12, 2008, local nonprofit Computers4Kids received a \$9,000 grant award from the Community Endowment Fund of the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation.

The grant award will support the development of Grad Central, an expansion of Computers4Kids' current programming. Grad Central will collaborate with local businesses and area programs to provide at-risk youth with opportunities to develop the knowledge, skills and confidence needed to prepare for college and the workforce. Participants are low-income high school students who have completed Computers4Kids original nine month mentoring and technology training program. There is a shortage of after-school programming for older youth in our locality, and Grad Central will help fill this need by building upon established relationships with C4K's existing students.

Computers4Kids' Executive Director Kala Somerville says, "I am tremendously appreciative of the generous support provided to Computers4Kids' Grad Central program through the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation's Community Endowment Fund. This grant award will help make it possible for our community to take great steps



forward in the effort to provide ongoing, accessible, and high quality after school programming for our local youth.”

Computers4Kids is an award-winning nonprofit that provides after-school mentoring, technology training, and technology access to disadvantaged middle and high school students living in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Students take advantage of access to a state-of-the-art computer lab, technology workshops, one-on-one mentoring with an adult, home computers, and a year of internet access at home...all free of charge.

For more information about Computers4Kids please call 434-817-1121 or visit [www.computers4kids.net](http://www.computers4kids.net). For more information about the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation please call 434-296-2503 or visit [www.cacfonline.org](http://www.cacfonline.org).

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