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Friendly Earth, Eastside Baby Corner honor Earth Month with laptop collection drive.

Usable laptops will be refurbished, given back to local children in need

Earth Day is April 22. Throughout the month of April, in honor of Earth Month, Seattle's Friendly Earth and Eastside Baby Corner are joining forces to collect and redistribute or recycle used laptops. Friendly Earth, whose mission is to keep electronics out of the landfill, will refurbish as many of the laptops as possible and recycle the rest. EBC will work with our provider partners to give the refurbished laptops to local school children in need.

The goal for the Laptops for Little Ones Drive is to collect 500 used laptops. Laptops will be accepted in any condition by both organizations - so people on either side of Lake Washington will have easy access to a drop off site. Collection times and locations for Eastside Baby Corner can be found at <http://babycorner.org/dropoff-locations> For drop off times at Friendly Earth, please contact Andrew Shute at recycle@friendlyearth.org. Additional collection sites would be greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in collecting laptops at their place of business should contact Cori Benson at corib@babycorner.org. Also welcome is the donation of software to install on the laptops before they are given to the children.

Giving a child a laptop can mean the world to them and their family. It can mean the family no longer has to walk or take a bus to the library for the child to complete his or her online homework, it can mean the child is able to learn computer skills that are required to succeed in today's world. Beyond the child, a laptop can help parents search for work or resources, or help them gain more knowledge. The entire family benefits.

Those interested can learn more about the drive at www.babycorner.org

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About Eastside Baby Corner

Eastside Baby Corner helps kids thrive by providing basic necessities for children so that EBC's partners—schools, social service agencies, food banks, hospitals--can help families become stable, safe, housed, fed and employed. Relying almost exclusively on volunteers, EBC takes in donations of children's clothing and goods from the community and supplements donations with purchases of the absolute essentials for children: baby food, formula, car seats, port-a-cribs and diapers. As the vital safety net under family-assistance providers, EBC annually distributes over 60,000 items for kids from birth to age 12 directly to agencies serving families throughout King County. Founded by pediatric nurse practitioner, Karen Ridlon in 1990, EBC helps nearly 700 children each week.