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Computers4Kids To Graduate 18 Students

CHARLOTTESVILLE (April 20, 2004)—Computers4Kids will honor 18 students who have successfully completed training in an April 26th graduation ceremony slated for 6:00 P.M. at the Monticello Event and Conference Center. The 11 young men and seven young women who will be receiving certificates for completing the 9-month training program will bring the total number of C4K graduates to 93 since 2001.

This year's ceremony will be highlighted by a special recognition of graduate RaeJon Curry, who along with his mentor, Edwin Jackson of LexisNexis, created a project utilizing EBAY to raise money for C4K. The pair sold more than 20 items, including modems, cell phones, a zip drive, a video game, laptops, accessories, and printers. Curry will present C4K with a check for \$1,031.13 representing the items he and Jackson sold on EBAY.

Curry, an eighth grader at Jack Jouett Middle School, said the idea was simple and that he not only learned a great deal about how to sell things on the Internet, but also learned how to work with a partner. "I really had fun working with Ed," Curry said. "I learned that you can do a whole lot with a business partner and I also got a great mentor and a great friend."

Jackson was equally impressed with his 14-year-old student. "I enjoyed working with RaeJon on the project and getting to know him," stated Jackson. "I'm very proud of what we were able to contribute to C4K, especially since I'm a big believer in concrete results and putting your money where your mouth is."

In addition to recognizing Curry, this year's graduation will include an update from Mark Giles, President/CEO of Virginia National Bank and C4K Treasurer and Development Committee Chair, on the status of the \$50,000 Challenge Grant that C4K received last fall from an anonymous donor. The grant is contingent upon matching contributions and Giles will discuss C4K's progress in securing donations to meet and match the challenge.

Computers4Kids was established in 1999 to foster computer skills and give a computer with appropriate software to city and county students. Applicants to the C4K program are students in grades 7-12 whose families cannot afford to purchase a computer. C4K students earn their computers through a nine-month training process that not only provides valuable technological skills, but also teaches responsibility and accountability as well. Computers4Kids matches every youth with a volunteer mentor. Together the mentor and student creatively explore various aspects of the computer and technology.

For additional information on Computers4Kids, please call 434-817-1121 or on the Web, www.computers4kids.net.

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