

## Is it Safe to Donate My Laptop?

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While we encourage donors to wipe the hard drives on computers they contribute, the very first part of our refurbishment protocol is to “zap” the hard drive, *permanently overwriting and eradicating all data on the drive*. This protects everyone’s security and ensures that no virus or malware could survive on the computer.

If a hard drive is not usable or cannot be cleared, it will be physically destroyed.

## Why Do Masons Do This?

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We love kids and value each one’s inherent right to reach his or her full potential.

Everyone involved with the Masonic Angel Foundation derives great satisfaction from helping a family at a challenging time.

We believe that such charitable work furthers our tenets of brotherly love, relief and truth.

We feel that such benevolence brings the community together and will bring like-minded men together in our organization.

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*Making Computers  
Accessible  
to America’s Children*

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For today's children, a home computer is an essential learning tool. Children who do not have access to a computer outside of school hours suffer more and more of a disadvantage the further they progress through the grade levels.

The Laptops for KidZ Project (LFK) helps. Local businesses and individuals donate gently used laptop computers to the Masonic Angel Foundation, Inc. Then the LFK Project's volunteer staff refurbishes the computers and makes them ready for distribution through the Masonic Angel Foundation's partners in local school systems.

All refurbished laptops are placed here in the United States. We do not send computers to Africa, South America or elsewhere in the world. In keeping with the MAF's practice of "local help for local kids" we make every effort to place a donated computer as close as possible to the local community where the donation originated. Blocks of laptops donated by manufacturers and national leasing companies will be placed in communities served by the Masonic Angel Foundation's many subordinate chapters throughout the United States.

## How Are the Laptops Distributed?

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Computers refurbished by the Laptops for KidZ Project are delivered to our local school partners for placement with children in need, as deemed appropriate by the school professionals that work with the local Masonic Angel Fund chapter.

All refurbished laptops are loaded with a Microsoft Windows operating system provided to us through the Microsoft Registered Refurbisher program. All operating system software is configured in English. Recipients must be legal residents of the United States.



## Donate Your Laptop

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Do you have an old laptop that you would be willing to donate for a local child in need?

Every laptop we refurbish will be provided free of charge to a local school for placement with a child. A "refurbished laptop" is a newly-configured machine with donated Microsoft or Open Source software pre-loaded. Each machine is individually configured and tested by one of our volunteers.

If possible we prefer that donated laptops be accompanied by their proper AC adapter. Battery life is not an issue nor is the level of the operating system. Any functional laptop from a Pentium II on up is acceptable.

LFK accepts only Windows or Linux-based laptops. We do not accept desktops, monitors, printers or *any* Apple product whatsoever.

If you have a laptop you would like to donate to the "Laptops for KidZ Project", please contact us via [info@laptopsforkidZ.org](mailto:info@laptopsforkidZ.org) or by calling 774-274-0910.

We will issue a 501(c)(3) substantiation letter for all donated laptops.