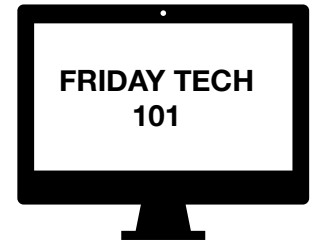


Friday Tech 101

15 Students from Big High School
Juniors and Seniors
Waco, TX



The lack of technology training for Senior Citizens is causing them to be disconnected from their friends and family and is increasing the likelihood of falling subject to an online scam where they could lose money or even their identity. This causes Seniors to be isolated, not knowing how to connect in meaningful ways with family members and it also casts a negative shadow on their ability to be contributing members of society.

Our project, Friday Tech 101, is a free, fun, engaging, and convenient class that goes to the Senior Citizens Center to teach them how to safely use Zoom, FaceTime, and Social Media. It also teaches them the dangers of online scams, how to avoid them, and what information is appropriate to share on the internet. We do this through 1:1 and Group trainings where the Seniors come alive with excitement! They feel valued and appreciated for the time and the trainings we offer!

- We would use **60%** of the investment to secure bus travel to and from the Senior Center for the next two semesters. Not all of our students have cars or parents who can take them from school to the Senior Center. This would allow all of our students to go and more Seniors to be served more consistently.
- We would turn digital training resources that we use to teach the Seniors into printed resources that they could keep with them for further reading or future training. Printing these materials would use **18%** of our investment and it would allow for everyone Senior to have a copy, + 200 extra copies for trainings in the future.
- We would use the final **22%** of the investment to purchase a projector that we could take to and from the Senior Center with us so that we could teach Group Trainings. This would help those Seniors with poor eyesight and make our 1:1 trainings more effective.

Over the last 14 weeks, we have built trust and meaningful relationships with the Senior Citizens, we already have approval from the Senior Center and our School to continue this work through the next two semesters. Some of our students have grandparents, aunts or uncles in the Center and those relationships have been deeply impacted and have helped us to develop even stronger relationships with the Seniors.

We are seeking an investment of \$6,250 that will allow us to secure a bus for two more semesters of transportation to and from the Senior Center, allow us to print training resources and allows us to purchase a projector. The money would be donated to our school and designated for the *Friday Tech 101 Project*.

Through this investment, we could secure 28 trainings for over 120 Senior Citizens that would ensure they can Zoom and FaceTime safely with family members who are unable to visit them. It will ensure they can safely use social media to see pictures of their grandchildren, browse the news and online shop. And it will potentially save them thousands or tens of thousands of dollars and the loss that comes with identity theft by teaching them how to avoid online scammers.