



Verizon Grant Benefits the Boys & Girls Clubs of Denton County

Grant to Fund Internet Safety Program December 2008

Verizon has awarded a grant to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Denton County to support their NetSmartz Internet safety program targeting underprivileged youth ages 6-18.

The grant from Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon, will enable the Club to purchase new computer equipment and software to provide the NetSmartz program to teach approximately 120 Club members about cyber safety and how to properly surf the Internet. NetSmartz is an online program that is downloaded onto each computer, allowing Club members to go through group or individual activities. Using this downloadable program, instructors are able to track each member's progress.

"Verizon's business is centered on technology and we believe people should understand how to use the technology of the Internet safely", said Carl Erhart, Verizon Southwest Region President. "Verizon Foundation is pleased to partner with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Denton County to help teach youth how to protect themselves while using the Internet".

The Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications, supports the advancement of literacy and K-12 education through its signature program Thinkfinity.org and fostering awareness and prevention of domestic violence. In 2007, the foundation awarded more than \$67.4 million in grants to nonprofit agencies in the United States and abroad. Under the Verizon Volunteers initiative, one of the nation's largest employee-volunteer programs, the foundation matched charitable donations from Verizon employees and retirees, resulting in \$25.1 million in combined contributions. Verizon Volunteers, made up of employees and retirees, also have contributed more than 3 million hours of community service since Verizon's inception in 2000.

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