

Technology for the People

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Steve Conners – First Career

- ▶ BS Mechanical Engineering, UW Madison
- ▶ Business Analyst & Programmer
 - ADC Telecommunications, Business Analyst
 - Mayo Clinic, Systems Analyst
 - Conners Technology, Owner and Principle
- ▶ IT Director
 - Jemni Technology
 - SDVOSB, Mentor Protégé with xpedx (Int'l Paper)

Steve Conners – Second Career

- ▶ Legal Assistance of Olmsted County
 - Server rebuild, web, database, general tech support
- ▶ United Way of Olmsted County
 - Technology Solutions Committee, DPI radius search
- ▶ Mediation & Conflict Services
 - PC replacement, board member
- ▶ Ability Building Center
 - Volunteer Program Manager, IBM Celebration of Service
- ▶ BEAM
 - MN Rising, Plone support, Grant proposals

ABC – Ability Built Computers

- ▶ Began at United Way as Compuswap
 - Established 15 yrs ago
 - .2 FTE staff from United Way
 - 400-500 computers annually

ABC – Transition

- ▶ United Way staff member changing positions
- ▶ United Way leadership re-evaluating the program's strategic importance
- ▶ Stepped in to run the program for 3 months
[May 2010]

ABC – The First Year

- ▶ Taking over
- ▶ Business as usual
- ▶ Moved to ABC [Sept 2010]
- ▶ Ramped up production – doubled output
- ▶ IBM's 100 yr anniversary – 150 PC's for \$25

ABC – The Next Year

- ▶ Expand sales efforts
- ▶ Expand production capacity
- ▶ School contracts
- ▶ Technology in the community & jobs for people with disabilities
- ▶ Ability Technology Services

ABC – Eligibility Guidelines

- ▶ School (public or private, must be on DOE list)
- ▶ 501(c)(3) non-profits
- ▶ Low-income family (280% of poverty)
- ▶ Individuals with disabilities
- ▶ No O/S, Linux, limited commercial systems

ABC – Equipment Available

- ▶ 3Ghz 1GB P4 systems \$75
 - CPU, 15" monitor, keyboard, mouse
 - 2GB RAM +\$10

- ▶ 15" Flat Monitors \$25
- ▶ 17" Flat Monitors \$45
- ▶ 19" Flat Monitors \$65

- ▶ Odds and ends – varied
 - Printers, routers, servers, faxes, etc.

ABC – www.abcinc.org



Individual and Organizational applications available.

ABC – Applications

The screenshot shows the ABC Ability Building Center website. The header includes the ABC logo, the text 'Ability Building Center' with the tagline 'Everyone benefits when people with disabilities work!', a 'Staff Login' link, and a Google Custom Search bar. A navigation menu lists: Home | About Us | Adult Programs | Youth Programs | Services to Businesses | Support | Resources | Contact Us |. The main content area is titled 'Ability Built COMPUTERS' and describes low-cost, high-quality refurbished computers. It mentions that Microsoft Office is available at a reduced price and that volume pricing and custom configurations are available. Below this, there are two application sections. The first section, 'For Individuals or Families', is titled 'Individual Application' and lists: Am I Eligible?, 2010 Poverty Guidelines, and Application. The second section, 'For Organizations (Non-profits, Schools, etc.)', is titled 'OrganizationApplication' and lists: Program Qualifications and Application. Both application lists are enclosed in rounded rectangular boxes.

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Staff Login

Google™ Custom Search Search

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Ability Built COMPUTERS

Powerful Technology. Affordable Price.

Ability Built Computers are low-cost, high-quality refurbished computers for eligible individuals and organizations. Our systems have genuine **Windows®** operating system licenses.

Right now, **Microsoft Office®** is available at a reduced price. Ask your sales consultant for details.

***Volume pricing and custom configurations are available. Contact us with questions or for a quote.**

View current inventory and offers

Questions or comments? email us

For Individuals or Families Individual Application

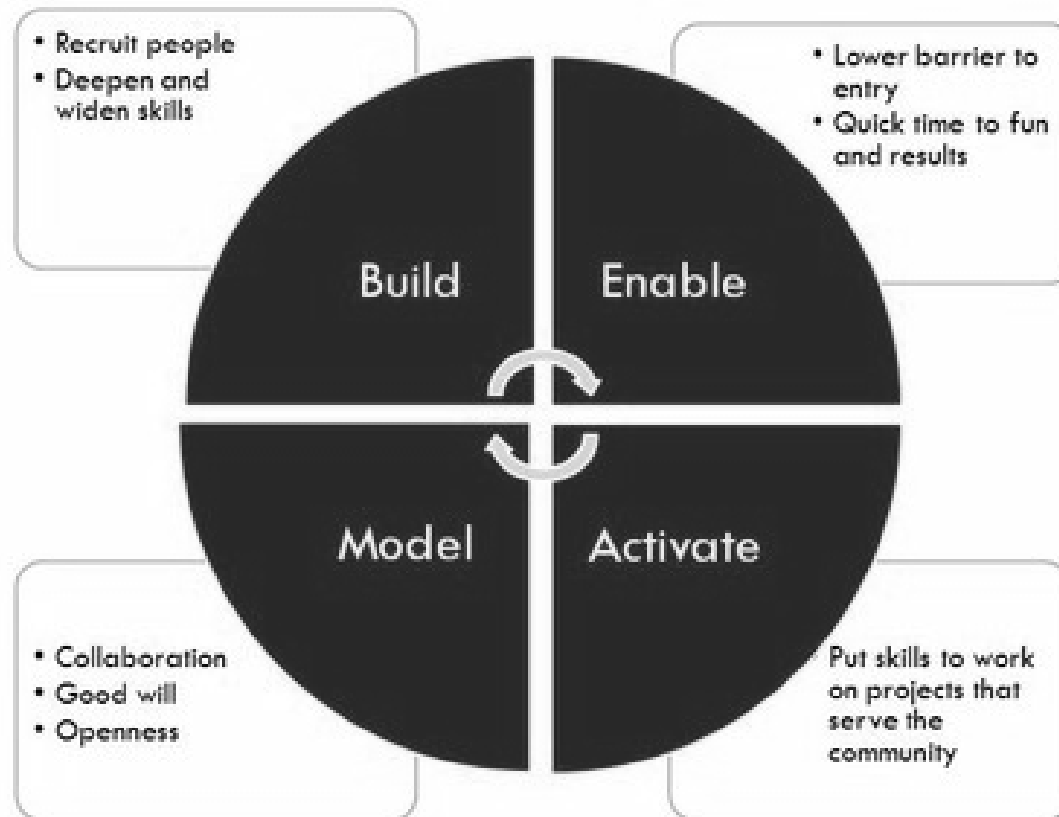
- Am I Eligible?
- 2010 Poverty Guidelines
- Application

For Organizations (Non-profits, Schools, etc.) OrganizationApplication

- Program Qualifications
- Application

BEAM

- ▶ **Build, Empower, Activate and Model the use of IT skills to serve the community better**



BEAM – The Team

- ▶ Initiated by:

- Al Lun

- ▶ Joined by:

- Steve Conners, Eldon Nelson, Kim (Kevin) Sin, Ashok Patel, Steve Courts, Collen Maddox, Pradeep Nambier, Mark Adafin, George Thompson, Jenny Gile, Rich Hartmann

BEAM – The Tools

- ▶ Web Content Management
 - Plone
- ▶ Cloud Services
 - Google Apps, YouTube
- ▶ Hardware in collaboration with ABC

BEAM – The Projects

- ▶ Diversity Council Collaboration Center – DC3
 - <http://diversitycouncil.middlewaygroup.com/>
- ▶ Y Mentor
 - <https://ymap.middlewaygroup.com/>
- ▶ MN Rising
 - <http://mnrising.middlewaygroup.com>
- ▶ Rochester Public Library – Multilingual Video
- ▶ Entertainment Software Association Grant

What Can YOU do?

▶ ABC

- Find homes for computers
- Buy computers!
- Help build PC's
- Find work for Ability Built Computers' trainees

▶ BEAM

- Contribute to development (join BEAM!)
- Provide leads for projects
- Start your own Plone site

What Can WE do?

- ▶ Collaborate to provide Linux training
 - Basic usage, Plone, Apache, Samba, Ventrilo
- ▶ Sell pre-configured Linux hardware
- ▶ Provide file/print/web servers for non-profits
- ▶ Support community efforts, projects with specialized knowledge

What Can do?

- ▶ Are there additional areas where we could support the community?

Technology Volunteer Association

► Why?

- Make a difference
- Follow my passion – service, technology, business
- Leverage specialized knowledge (Days of Caring)

► How?

- Potential collaborators, customers, volunteers, supporters and funders
- Build a business plan – confirm the need
- Serve now!