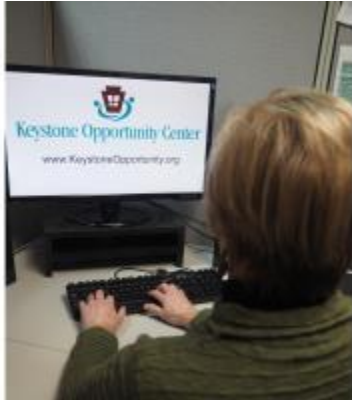


## VNA FOUNDATION OF GREATER NORTH PENN AWARDS \$10,000 TO KEYSTONE OPPORTUNITY CENTER TO UPGRADE TECHNOLOGY



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Thanks to a \$10,000 Capacity Building Grant from the VNA Foundation of Greater North Penn, Keystone Opportunity Center has upgraded its technology.

This Foundation invests in North Penn organizations that have the capacity to strengthen individuals and families along a continuum of need. The grant enabled Keystone to hire an IT consultant to evaluate its informational technology system, and to recommend and install computers to bring the agency up to speed.

Throughout 2019, Keystone Opportunity Center has replaced 19 very old computers with refurbished models. Keystone's equipment was 8 to 16 years old, with Intel Core Duo or Pentium Dual CPUs. Newer software recommends 4 to 8 GBs of RAM, but Keystone staff was pushing the old machines to keep up, running on 1 to 2 GBs. Hanging and crashes were frequent and devastating. The new technology increased Keystone's capacity and efficiency.

"The money from the VNA Foundation of Greater North Penn allowed Keystone Opportunity Center to invest more staff time into our life-changing programs and projects, rather than spending it waiting for reboots or repairs," said Arlene Daily, Executive Director for Keystone Opportunity Center. "Thanks to this grant, we can make an even greater impact."

Keystone Opportunity Center offers numerous programs that help community members:

Programs for those experiencing a housing crisis:

Homelessness Diversion

Rapid Rehousing

Permanent Supportive Housing

Single Room Occupancy Housing

Low-cost housing in rental properties donated to Keystone by churches and businesses

Classes for those experiencing educational challenges:

English as a Second Language (taught at 5 different levels)

Citizenship Preparation

Family Literacy

High School Equivalency

Pre-High School Equivalency

Programs for those experiencing food insecurity:

Food Pantry at Keystone Opportunity Center open 3 days and 1 night per week

Fresh for All Neighborhood Food Distribution open 1 day per week

For more information about any of Keystone Opportunity Center's programs or how individuals can get involved to enable an even greater impact, visit [www.KeystoneOpportunity.org](http://www.KeystoneOpportunity.org).

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