

Edgewood Terrace Moves Online in Washington, DC

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A new "electronic village" will include a computer terminal in every apartment at the 884-unit Edgewood Terrace Apartments, a HUD-assisted and -insured housing community in the Northeast sector of the nation's capital.

Microsoft Corporation donated \$100,000 to support computer training for the Edgewood Terrace residents, who on June 18 celebrated the grand opening of their Neighborhood Networks center, the Gateway @ Edgewood Terrace. The center's first 31 welfare-to-work graduates were honored for their training achievements and their entry into the area's business community.

The nonprofit Community Preservation and Development Corporation (CPDC) that owns Edgewood Terrace I believes that working with the residents of Edgewood Terrace represents an opportunity to help revitalize an inner city neighborhood.

Besides Microsoft, CPDC is also working in partnership with the Resident Association of Edgewood Terrace, Bell Atlantic, The Catholic University of America, George Washington University, ConsServe, the College Board Education and Workshop Center, and the Montgomery County Workforce Board.



The Gateway @ Edgewood Terrace has four networked labs with over 60 workstations equipped with office software, personal productivity applications, educational resources, reference materials and more.

The Gateway offers residents adult classes in basic and intermediate computer applications, with auxiliary services such as job readiness training and job placement. The center also offers classes for students in grades K-12, which are designed to improve verbal, math and analytical skills. In addition, the Gateway offers computer classes for seniors.

A recent graduate of the Computer and Office Skills Employment Program (COSEP) given at Edgewood, Bridget McLaurin said that the course was her stepping stone back into the world of work.

For more information about the Gateway @ Edgewood Terrace, contact the Community Preservation and Development Corporation at (301)986-1600 or by e-mail at cpdc@cpdc.org.

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