

**Subject: Flemingdon Park – a success!**

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Hi folks - more photos to come, hopefully with a fuller report, but to everyone who helped and supported us, who donated computers or cleaned keyboards or trucked gear around late at night or installed Ubuntu or tested RAM or provided space or time or coffee or... here's a quick note to say - "Success! Your efforts paid off!"

Thanks to all of you, we went to Flemingdon Park food bank this past Saturday (for a third time!), and were able to train 20 households on computer use and grant them each a complete functioning system to take home.

I know I speak on behalf of everyone at (on?) Planet Geek when I offer my appreciation to all who assisted us, in the myriad ways that such a project demands. We will attempt to get to each of you and thank you personally, but it might take time; you are a \*big\* group!

This brings the number of refurbished PCs we've given to deserving households in Flemingdon Park, if my counting is correct, to \*84\*!

Some highlights from the day:

- > Delivery and set-up of 20 machines that went smoothly (Andre and John and John and Ryan? Is that you I hear laughing?)
- > Rain that held off until just the right moment to soak us as we unloaded our gear at Flemingdon on Saturday morning (sorry, Bill!)
- > Eager recipients who arrived early, ready to learn about their new (to them) computer and take possession
- > Network configuration that went (more or less) like clockwork - right, Terry? (Terry?!? Why the chuckling?)
- > A room full of linux PCs all displaying the blue ringed-orb Planet Geek logo
- > Colin's patient and willing pedagogical approach (look \*that\* up in yer Funk'n'Wagnall's!)
- > A whole new audience from the STAR, a great program run by Flemingdon for newcomers
- > Learning computer terms in Tamil, Farsi, Russian, Spanish, French...
- > The 8-year old who could speak 3 languages and run circles around us with a computer
- > Pastor Helena Houldcroft's tireless leadership, keeping it all together with humour and patience

Thanks again all, and I'll try to send out some photos when I get them from Terry and our hard-working documentarian, Kimberley.

For now, I've appended below the coverage we received in the East York Mirror from last fall (when the project was under the auspices of "CanadaGeeks"), in case you haven't seen it.

cheers!  
Jon



## CanadaGeeks gives computers to people in need

CanadaGeeks will distribute 48 computers Saturday, Nov. 8 and Sunday, Nov. 9 to families registered with the Flemingdon Park Ministry Foodbank.



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Colin McGregor teaches a class the basics of using a computer during a program at the Flemingdon Park Ministry Sunday Nov. 10. As part of the program, 48 families received refurbished computers, monitors and accessories from CanadaGeeks and the Flemingdon Park Ministry Foodbank.

The non-profit organization's primary function is to refurbish used computers and hardware and distribute them to individuals in the Greater Toronto Area who can't otherwise afford one.

As part of the weekend program, each recipient will be part of a "classroom" to learn the basics of using the computer, getting on the Internet and sending e-mails, at 747 Don Mills Rd., south of Eglinton Avenue.

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