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Verizon's Customers' Support Benefits Cheltenham Township Library System

Cheltenham Township Library System is pleased to announce support from Verizon's 'Check Into Literacy' Program in the amount of \$5,000. This support will provide funding to install computers equipped with educational software for preschool and elementary school children in the Glenside and Elkins Park branches.

The 'Check Into Literacy' initiative allows Verizon's landline telephone customers to indicate on their monthly phone bills that they wish to make a \$1 tax-deductible donation to promote literacy throughout the United States. Verizon then distributes these donations to local literacy organizations, such as Cheltenham Township Library System.

"A dollar a month may not seem like much, but it can go a long way toward improving literacy skills in local communities and giving people the opportunity to succeed," said Daniel J. Reavy, Director of External Affairs, Verizon Pennsylvania. "We are delighted that Cheltenham Township's libraries will benefit through the generosity of our customers."

The new workstations are equipped with sound and are designed to support the learning activities of children as young as 2. With over 45 software packages, these computers will also parallel the curriculum of students through the second grade. With games, music and colorful graphics, these computers make learning fun. Carrie Turner, Director of Cheltenham Township Library System stated "We are so grateful to Verizon's customers for making these computers available to our smallest customers".