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Thank you, again, for the grant awarded to the Career Learning Center of the Black Hills to purchase 15 computers for the Adult Education program. TC Energy's investment provided updated and reliable technology for Adult Education students gaining skills and obtaining a GED or other credentials needed for improved economic self-sufficiency. The goal in Adult Education is to assist students in the pursuit of a career in a high-demand, high-wage occupation where they can land better jobs and are better able to support their families. Furthermore, the skills and values western South Dakota students learn are passed onto their children. Literacy and workplace soft skills, such as showing up on time, helps the next generation be better positioned to prepare for education and employment.

We continue to track and evaluate data on student success, including GED® passage rates, and student enrollment, including demographic information. If any of this information is of interest to TC Energy, please let me know. Also, if any TC Energy employees in the Rapid City area are interested in speaking without adult students about employment opportunities in the region, or perhaps interested in volunteering to mentor students, please contact me at <a href="mailto:cpt://creativecommons.org/linearing-commons.org/linearing

Lastly, we were recently reminded of how critical these state-of-the-art computers are for the success of our adult education students. COVID-19 forced the closure of our Rapid City location for weeks. In outreach to almost 300 students, we learned that more than 60 were only able to access the internet from a cell phone which is not sufficient to continue their studies online. Our doors are now open with restrictions to protect for the health and safety of our students and staff but we are thankful to be providing learning to ambitious young adults, many of whom are low-income, as they pursue a pathway to economic stability. It is wonderful to see our students using the high-quality computers donated by TC Energy. Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Gloria Pluimer, Director

Education and Workforce Development





IN APPRECIATION

THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED TO:



FOR THEIR GRACIOUS DONATION OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT TO:

ADULT EDUCATION

JANUARY 2020

BLACK HILLS SPECIAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE



In appreciation to

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for their
gracious donation
for computer equipment
for Adult Education.
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