



## e-VT Jay-Westfield Re-Cap

The e-Vermont Community Broadband Project is a partnership between seven statewide organizations and leaders in two dozen Vermont towns to help close the digital divide through innovative use of Internet tools and training. Initiatives in Jay-Westfield were spearheaded by the Jay Peak Area Chamber of Commerce, Jay-Westfield School, Jay and Westfield town governments and other organizations. In just over a year, this team succeeded in bringing the following accomplishments to Jay-Westfield:

- Forty-one netbook packages for Jay-Westfield Elementary School, including Dell netbooks, netbook cases, printers, USB cables, extra ink cartridges, and Microsoft Office Pro 2010 to ensure that every student in grades 4, 5 and 6 receives a 21<sup>st</sup> century education;
- Weekly training with community-based, NETS-S coordinated technology lessons for students and teachers in grades 4, 5 and 6;
- For teachers, a complete program of lesson and unit plans, worksheets, Internet links, advice, instruction, video tutorials, and grant writing resources so that cutting edge classroom education can continue in 2012-2013 and beyond;
- A free online neighborhood forum at [frontporchforum.com](http://frontporchforum.com) that 53 subscribers in Jay-Westfield (out of 450 households) have used more than 148 times to buy and trade household items, promote events and volunteer needs, discuss local issues, share wildlife sightings, and recommend local businesses;
- A new platform for the Front Porch Forum e-newsletter that includes a comprehensive web-based community calendar, synthesizing all community events into one central place and freely allowing them to be displayed on local websites;
- One Acer Veriton desktop with 3-year warranty, Viewsonic 22" LED monitor with 4-year warranty, Deep Freeze and Microsoft Office software for the Hitchcock Library and Museum in Westfield; and one Acer Veriton desktop with 3-year warranty, Viewsonic 22" LED monitor with 4-year warranty, one Toshiba 15.6" Core i3 laptop and case with 3-year warranty, two copies of Deep Freeze and Microsoft Office software and a Dell All-in-One printer for the William and Lucy Rand Memorial Library in North Troy to help more community members and visitors access the Internet, find social services and jobs, and connect to research and educational opportunities;
- A workshop on the topic of *Getting Your Business Online* conducted by the Vermont Small Business Development Center at Jay-Westfield School for business owners and entrepreneurs;

- One-on-one assistance from the Vermont Small Business Development Center working directly with businesses on e-mail marketing skills and tactics and on website design best practices ;
- A Cisco Linksys E2000 wireless router, Dell Optiplex desktop, Dell LCD 21" monitor, Dell All-in-One ink-jet printer, and an HP Color Laser Pro printer for the Jay Town Offices;
- An HP p7 desktop with 23" LCD monitor and Dell All-in-One printer for the Westfield Town Offices;
- The Snelling Center for Government template, domain name registration and Clearbearing hosting for one year for Westfield to create their very first municipal website;
- A Comcast, free, two-year, standard Internet connection at the Westfield Community Center;
- A Cisco Linksys E2000 wireless router for the Westfield Community Center;
- Five HP Pavillion g7-1365 17" laptops, five USB mice, five licenses for MS Office Professional and a laptop storage and charging cart for workshops and trainings to be held at the Jay or Westfield Community Centers;
- Ongoing webinars for businesses and individuals, available at [e4vt.org](http://e4vt.org);
- A tool kit of case studies, lessons learned, and best practices, available at [e4vt.org](http://e4vt.org);
- Regional workshops, a statewide conference, and continuing programs of e-Vermont partner organizations.

e-Vermont congratulates the Jay-Westfield team for its collaboration and accomplishments over the past year and wishes them well in continuing to close the digital divide, use Internet tools to advance local goals, and serve as a model for rural towns all over Vermont and across the United States.

Please stay posted on future developments by visiting e-Vermont at [www.e4vt.org](http://www.e4vt.org) and by following e-Vermont on Facebook (e-Vermont).

-Philip Petty, e-Vermont Community Director

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