

# Donations lay foundation for Mission computer lab

*L.A. Darling donates desks; computers coming soon*

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Mission Outreach has recently expanded its learning center by beginning the set-up of a new computer lab to assist those searching for employment.

Shawntae Templeton, community relations director for Mission Outreach, said the desks that have been set up in the computer lab, along with the desks and matching cabinets in the reception area, were donated by L.A. Darling.

"They [L.A. Darling] have been great through the years," Templeton said. "The goal is to have a working computer lab for people in need of assistance [with searching for a job]."

The Mission currently provides transportation to the public library for those needing to use a computer.

"[This will] cut down on transportation costs, also," Templeton said.

She added the computers will be available for anyone who needs to do research for school, obtaining their GED or other academic activities, but they will be arranged so that usage can be easily monitored.

Currently, there has only been one computer donated to the Mission, but Templeton said there are four more to be brought over soon, three of which are coming from the Paragould Housing Authority.

Aside from the progressing computer lab, the Mission also has a typewriter and two phones available to anyone who needs to use them. There are also several children's books, games and toys available in the Mission's library.

Templeton said she is also hoping to have another corner of the room made into a center that will house equipment for the hearing-impaired.

The Mission also recently requested a couch be donated for the library as well, and Randy Wilson was able to meet that need.



L.A. Darling also donated dressers to replace those that are damaged or falling apart in some of the rooms, Templeton said.

"This has really helped to improve the look," Templeton said. The Mission is still looking for office chairs to go into the learning center. Anyone interested can contact the Mission at (870) 236-8080.

