

Youth TimeBanking (YTB) has benefited from an enduring & creative relationship with Microsoft for many years. Pre-COVID, YTB met at the Microsoft Store in Freehold Raceway Mall to test mobile apps for tracking YTB activity and run user group meetings. During COVID the staff at Microsoft maintained contact and supported YTB with training on Microsoft software and extra help with using Microsoft Teams and creating a YTB Explainer PowerPoint animation.

We gained a new Board member who connected us with Microsoft through Benevity.com. Jamie Lee Dunleavy Samuel, Microsoft's Training manager, learned about our work with YTB Jamaica and the need to obtain some computer technology for a Community Center for young people to do homework and gain digital literacy.

Jamie Lee and her manager arranged for a donation of five Microsoft devices that made their way to YTB Jamaica in October 2020.

Microsoft Donations to YTB



**Youth Strength
Digital Inclusion**

The Surface Pen (circled in red) is being used with the Surface Book for digital art and to learn software technology for solid modeling design.

Microsoft Donations connect YTB with New Zealand

A wonderful thing happens with YTB. We discover skills, interests, and capabilities that young people have.

Many of the young adults in Jamaica like to work with digital art. Many do not have good equipment, including things like the Microsoft Surface Digital Pen and touch screen laptops. Internet coverage is also variable.

YTB, with Microsoft donations, is expanding the opportunities of young people in New Jersey, Florida, Connecticut, and Jamaica – which is a great example of reciprocity.

Young people are giving their time doing graphics work with YTB, and they are also benefiting by receiving better equipment and access to professional level software, training options, etc. These experiences are a positive upward spiral for all parties.



Top right image is one of the logos that our international YTB Team designed using donated Microsoft devices.

Underneath the logo is a sweet thank you from Mid Canterbury Timebank in Ashburton, New Zealand.



Microsoft Donations help YTB pay it forward – Thank You!

YTB is Timebanking customized for Generation Z, ages 14-25. Timebanking is a system of service exchange that uses time as the currency.

YTB addresses gaps in opportunities for youth to pay it forward and get support/resources along the way.

YTB uses Microsoft Donations in many ways:

- YTB recommends Microsoft Technology to nonprofits through TechSoup Connect for Timebanking Organizations.
- Microsoft Video Editor for separating video recordings to create micro-learning vignettes.
- Microsoft Flipgrid for micro-learning.
- Microsoft Teams for sharing documents.
- Power BI for YTB activity <https://ytbnj.org/time>
- SharePoint Lists for Logging Microsoft Donations.
- PPTX for creating YTB Explainer Animation.
- Microsoft Training, OneNote, Windows 10, etc.



YTB is based on 5 Core Values –

1. Assets of Young People to share with others,
2. Redefined Work (we are supporting each other, looking out for each other),
3. Reciprocity (we are giving of our time and applying skills and capabilities, and young people are getting access to training, software, subscriptions, devices),
4. Social Networks (we are developing trusting acquaintances and long-distance friendship with young people in NJ, FL, CT, Jamaica, and connections in New Zealand),
5. Respect (we are giving our best, being accountable, responsible -- and practicing and being adults in the moment).



Youth TimeBanking says: Thank You Microsoft

Young adult in YTB Jamaica who appreciates, and benefits from, the Microsoft donations – and someone who is paying it forward to New Zealand and collaborating with young people in New Jersey in YTB spirit!

