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Cedarbridge student builds computer system for local charity hit by Fabian

Bermudian Hannah Collins, now in S3 at Cedarbridge Academy, spent her summer working at Computer City in Hamilton. During the day she performed a variety of tasks including filing and helping to update the company's website, but after hours on her own time she built a complete computer system that is now being donated to the C.A.R.E. Learning Centre on Brunswick Street.

Miss Collins assembled the mini-tower portion of the computer from separate components including motherboard, power supply, memory, processor chip, floppy drive, video card, faxmodem, DVD-ROM drive and hard drive. External pieces included mouse, keyboard, 17" LCD flat panel, surge protector and a HP DeskJet colour printer. Software included Windows XP, Office XP and all of the software required by the video card, printer and motherboard.

All of the hands-on work was performed by 15-year old Miss Collins, who had to use a Phillips screwdriver and other computer tools for the first time. She also loaded all of the software. When the system was initially powered on, it immediately worked without requiring any adjustments or troubleshooting. Company technical employees also looked the system over and confirmed that everything was assembled correctly, 100% functional and working normally.

C.A.R.E. Learning Centre lost a number of their computers during Hurricane Fabian, and have been looking for replacements. Neletha Butterfield, owner of C.A.R.E., was contacted by Computer City Managing Director Craig Clark to arrange the delivery of the computer built by Miss Collins. Mr. Clark stated, "We donated the hardware and software required to build the system, and also after-hours supervision. Hannah provided the labour, and learned quite a lot about the inner workings of a computer through the process. It was always our intention to donate the system to a charity, but it took a little longer than anticipated to find the right charity. This seems to come easy for Hannah – I hope she considers a career in the computer field."

About the company

Computer City is a locally-owned and managed company, specializing in high-tech services. Computer City was started in January 2000 by business people with over 20 years of experience in the Bermuda computer market. They are committed to employing Bermudians, and providing an environment of ongoing training and professional development for their staff.

Computer City is a Microsoft Certified Partner (MCP), a CompTIA A+ Authorized Service Center, a HP/Compaq Authorized Reseller, a Dell Authorized Reseller, a Toshiba Authorized Reseller and Service Provider, a member of the Bermuda Chamber of Commerce, Bermuda Employers' Council, AFSMI, ASP and the ASCII Group.

This year they were the recipient of The Bermudian 2003 Best of Bermuda Gold Awards for Best Computer Sales and Service in Bermuda.