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More Than Bootstraps Announces Donation of 10 Laptops from Revivn

PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY – August 10, 2021 - The New Jersey non-profit organization, [More Than Bootstraps](#), gratefully announces the donation of 10 laptop computers from [Revivn](#) for use by the High School Fellows and College Students Leaders in the program.

These laptops will allow students to have their own devices to participate in More Than Bootstraps' remote programming and to meet the academic demands of college.

As a certified benefit corporation, Revivn is committed to reducing waste and closing the connectivity gap by providing tech access to empower communities. With the donation of these devices from Revivn, MTB can dedicate our private donor and foundation funds to student stipends, providing students in the program the financial support necessary to give them time to devote to the work of creating a community of success.

More Than Bootstraps is a non-profit organization created by a group of educators seeking to level the playing field and remove some of the substantial barriers that first-generation college students encounter in accessing and succeeding in higher education. More Than Bootstraps employs a near-peer mentoring model to create a community of success. College students from within the community return to their high school to guide their younger peers through the college search, application, and assimilation process. These leaders, working as a mentoring cohort, in turn strengthen their own college-going identities and improve their own chances of success in higher education.

Students are selected based on their desire to attend college and their commitment to the program rather than grade point average or test scores. All students in the MTB program receive stipends, laptop computers, and access to emergency resources to help them with the many non-tuition expenses of higher education.

More Than Bootstraps launched in August 2020 with our initial partner, the Passaic Public Schools. In 2021-2022, MTB is more than doubling in size to serve 23 first-generation students, 10 rising junior High School Fellows, 5 rising senior and returning High School Fellows, and 8 College Student Leaders.

“The assistance provided by Revivn is critical. COVID and remote instruction have exposed and exacerbated the digital divide and educational inequality. By providing devices, Revivn is removing one of the barriers to success for first-generation students,” said Audrey Fisch, president of More Than Bootstraps.



College Student Leaders and rising Senior High School Fellows with their Revivn Computers at 2021 Leader Training Program session held at the Boathouse Cafe in Passaic, New Jersey.

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