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Dear Mr. Bishop, Mr. Michalkow, and Mr. Tozer,

On behalf of the ELL students and parents who received a brand new Chromebook computer purchased by you, I would like to say a huge Thank-you! The students have included a Thank-you note and picture attached to this letter.

I wish you could have seen the expressions on the students' faces when they first saw the computer and then realized it was theirs 'forever' and that they did not have to return it to the school. The kids were very happy and excited to go home and start using it! These kids have never had a computer or device of their own before. Most of the students were using a parent phone if they were trying to do an online reading program.

This all began when I, as an ELL teacher at the school, gave a workshop for the parents on how to use our RAZ KIDS Reading Program at home. We had three different language translators and lot of parents who showed care and interest in helping their kids with extra reading practice in English at home. At the end of the workshop, one Dad put up his hand and asked me if there was a computer he could use because he didn't have one at home for his child. I tried many different avenues to find computers for these families but to no avail. Your donation has made a HUGE difference. Your donation has made a very big educational impact for this family.

The RAZ KIDS Reading Program allows children access to listen to an English story being read, they can read it themselves and then they answer comprehension questions after they read. It gives them a library at their fingertips.

Aside from this Reading program, my family and four other volunteers came into the school and installed another 8 educational programs on each computer for the children to use.

Thank-you so much again for your donation. Your gift to these families not only makes a difference for their children educationally but as a refugee family in Kelowna, they feel the warmth of your generosity and more connected to the larger community around them.

Sincerely,

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