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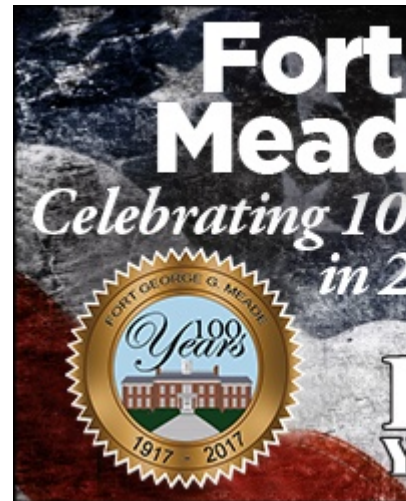
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Martha McClary, director of the FMWR, receives a donation of 20 iPad Pros from David Scheffenacker Jr., left, manager of the Josephine B. Scheffenacker Education Trust, and Charles Robinson, right, director of outreach for the trust. (Photos by Michael D. Williams)



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Students at Child and Youth Services will now have the additional technology to do their homework and engage in STEM activities, thanks to a donation of 20 iPad Pros.

David Scheffenacker Jr., manager of the Josephine B. Scheffenacker Education Trust, donated the iPads to CYS on Friday at the School Age Center.

During the presentation, Martha McClary, director of the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, said CYS is “absolutely thrilled” with the donation.

“We truly appreciate your generosity,” she said.

The monetary value of the donation is estimated to be \$25,000, according to Candace Godfrey, marketing manager at FMWR.

Scheffenacker said the trust is dedicated to helping children succeed in school.

The trust supports spelling bees in Baltimore County, Howard County and Anne Arundel County schools. It also provides funding to homeless families.

“I’m a real patriot,” said Scheffenacker, president of Preston Scheffenacker Properties, a family-owned real estate developer based in Baltimore.



Charles Robinson, director of outreach for the Josephine B. Scheffenacker Education Trust, greets Isis Thompson, 6, at the School Age Center on Friday.

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"The military protects our country. ... We just try to help. Fort Meade is so close to our business, we said 'Why don't we start here.'"

Sheila Brandenburg, functional technology specialist at CYS, said children at the Child Development Centers, School Age Center and in the middle-school and teen programs will use the new technology for a wide range of activities including photography, graphic design, video production and editing, and for 4H and Boys and Girls Clubs of America projects.

She said Fort Meade youths currently have access to WiFi, tablets, desktops, printers, scanners, robotics and a variety of software. However, there are only an average of 10 iPads for every 150 youths.

"This donation will increase the number of youth that have access to current technology," Brandenburg said. "Every additional piece of donated equipment allows other youth to access more frequently and for a longer duration time to do homework and STEM exploration."

Francisco Jamison, chief of CYS, said the iPads will "do a world of good for the kids at CYS."

The donation "makes all the difference in the world," he said.

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