



BOARD ELECTIONS



Staff members, please fill out a ballot and place it in the lobby ballot box so we can tally votes by the end of this meeting.

THE MOVE TO HOMEWOOD!



1 WEEK OF PREP
1 WEEKEND TO MOVE
2 WEEKS BEFORE GO TIME

MORE THAN 430
VOLUNTEER HOURS FROM
OVER 30 PEOPLE!

90 VOLUNTEERS AND COUNTING FOR 2016

THANK YOU, BERNIE!



Bernie provided valuable advice when Free I.T. Athens began preparing for the move, and he did it with a smile. He kept cracking jokes to keep everyone's stress level down as we realized there were all sorts of little issues with the new space. This is just one example of how Bernie goes above and beyond as a volunteer.



A.K.A "ELECTRIFYING"

THANK YOU, BILL!



Bill upholds the Free I.T. mission by never giving up on a printer until he's absolutely sure it's non-functional. Besides being a hero for printers across the globe, his inspector Gadget ring tone and wild stories bring smiles to everyone. If he's in town, Bill comes in to lend a hand even when he's not feeling well!



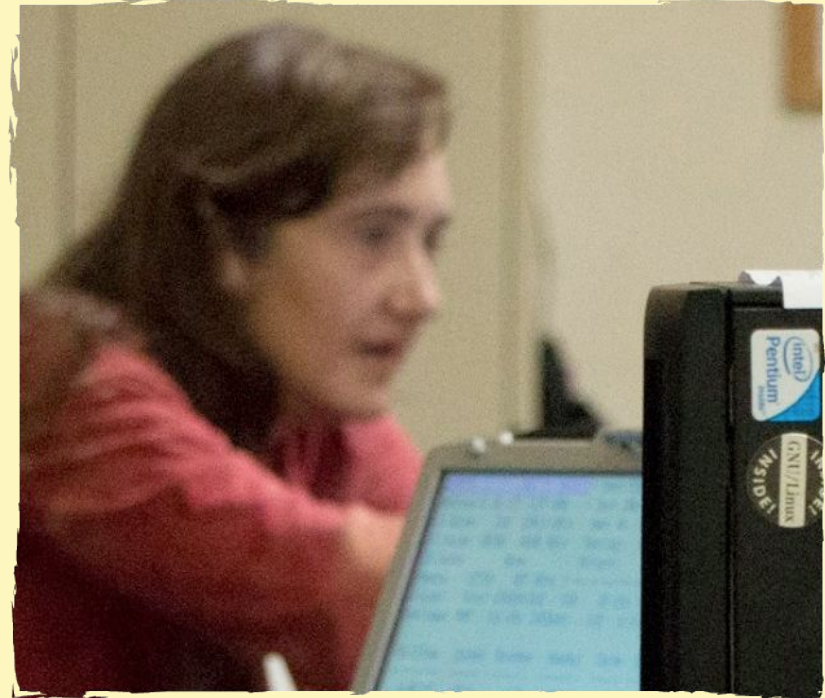
A.K.A "PRINTER HERO"

THANK YOU, LACHELE!



Lachele puts the I.T. in Free I.T.! She does so much for the organization, that we couldn't begin to describe it... but that might be because we don't have the tech know-how she has! On top of making sure infrastructure is working smoothly, she puts on classes and brings in new volunteers through CHUGALUG.

Check out chugalug.uga.edu!



A.K.A "SUDO"

THANK YOU, MARY!



Mary came to orientation admitting that she was a bit afraid of computers. After a few months of asking insightful questions and careful note taking, she was refurbishing like a champ. These days she's a pro at refurbishing and the go-to person welcoming and guiding new volunteers. Even her small offers of assistance, like volunteering to take the recycling, has a big impact on Free I.T.

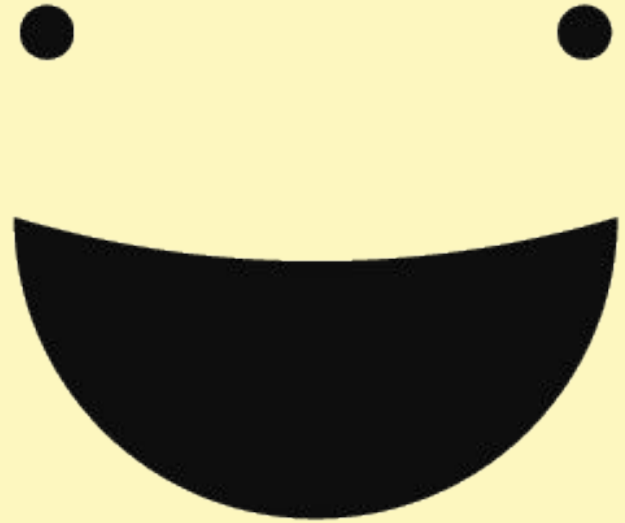


A.K.A "GREEN GODDESS"

THANK YOU, ROBERT!



You have to smile when talking to Robert! His kindness and attention to detail comes through in every action he takes while volunteering, whether assisting a community member during tech support or refurbishing a PC. He believes so strongly in bridging the digital divide that he has single handedly performed quality control on refurbished computers for months. That is no easy task!



A.K.A “QC”

SHOUT OUT TO MORE MOVING PRO VOLUNTEERS!

DHIRL, TRACY, KAREN, ANITA

THANK YOU!

12 STAFF VOLUNTEERS AND COUNTING FOR 2016

THANK YOU, CHRIS!



Chris is always quick to offer insights, answer questions, and cheer people up with a story. He's a shark when sorting through donations, pulling out hidden gems and tackling hard-to-test items. Although a great job opportunity is keeping him from volunteering as much as he has in the past, he's still comes by whenever he gets a chance.



A.K.A "HEY CHRIS"

THANK YOU, KOFI!



Kofi quietly does what needs to be done, thoroughly and efficiently. You can often find him pulling hard drives and blowing out a mountain of PCs or looking up how to fix a challenging laptop. Easy going and never phased by a problem, Kofi is a huge asset to the community.



A.K.A “COFFEE ATTIPOE”

THANK YOU, KRIS!



Kris started volunteering at Free I.T. during leadership turnover that left Sunday open hours understaffed. Despite being so new to the organization, he jumped into the fray, guiding volunteers and taking even the most challenging tech support cases. His dedication to free software is unmatched by anyone and Free I.T. is so lucky to have him on as staff.



A.K.A "GNU/KRIS"

THANK YOU, MIKA!



Always cheerful and upbeat, Mika picked up running the point-of-sale system and donations intake after a brutal hour of rushed training. A volunteer since high school, she even practiced driving just so she could better pitch in with the move this month!



A.K.A "BIOTECHNO"

THANK YOU, NINA!



When Nina is volunteering, she makes sure all the volunteers around her feel welcomed and supported. You can often find her giving hardware lessons to people who've never seen the inside of a computer before. Like her sister, Mika, she picked up the ins-and-outs of sales and donations instantly.



A.K.A "CLEVER COMPUTER"

THANK YOU, SCOTT!



When Scott sees that there is a task in need of doing, he turns on some tunes and gets it done. The move this month would have fallen behind schedule if he had not dedicated long hours to prepping and painting walls, often unassisted. He does all this and more while also serving a leadership role at Bike Athens.



A.K.A "BIKES AND BYTES"

THANK YOU, SHAWN!



Shawn contacted Free I.T. Athens for the first time to coordinate several truck loads of donations on behalf of his workplace. When he was invited to orientation, he not only showed up, but threw himself into volunteering the next day. He immediately was an asset by recognizing valuable items in the donations pile and handling challenging tech support cases!



A.K.A "DR. FIX IT"

THANK YOU, TINA!



As the most organized person on earth, Tina takes Free I.T.'s limited resources and performs magic. Her mantra is “reuse before recycle” and she squeezes every last ounce of usefulness out of everything she touches. After the big-move weekend, she came by Free I.T. just about every day to set up. We couldn't have done it without her!



A.K.A “THE MAGICIAN”

THANK YOU, VICTOR!



When no other staff member could make open hours one Friday and it looked like we'd have to close for the day, Victor came through a hero. He not only opened, but ran a make shift paper POS because he didn't have a login credentials for the system. When volunteers and community members get assistance from Victor, he gives them his full attention and his gentle and caring nature shines through.



A.K.A "MAGIC SMOKE"

THANK YOU, LUKE!



Luke has done so much to bring Free I.T.'s vision to light that a slide couldn't even begin to contain how grateful we all are. So all we'll say is this: Luke is one of those people that spreads encouragement and joy through every interaction. Community members and volunteers still ask how he's doing and he is sorely missed by all.

All the best wishes in the world, Luke!



A.K.A "ROOT"

THANK YOU, JOEL!



“In Soviet history and iconography, a Stakhanovite (Russian: стахановец) follows the example of Aleksei Grigorievich Stakhanov, employing hard work or Taylorist efficiencies to over-achieve at work.”

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A.K.A “STAKHANOV”

SAY HELLO TO THE 2016-17 BOARD.

Don't forget to grab a Free I.T. pin!