



Annual Meeting 2017



ANNUAL MEETINGS

- Elect new board meetings
- Reflect on the past year
- Thank all the people who made it possible
- Current staff members, please grab a ballot!

<p>Thank You, Natania Jarrad</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has provided an incredible amount of progress for FRITA in her efforts through policy development, volunteer policy and management, and open hours management. Natania is often found putting apart computers with brute strength and refurbishing them. Natania has shown up to every stadium cleanup, and is regular at open hours. Natania has applied her knowledge of social work to client relations and policy. Natania's dedication has made FRITA a success. 	<p>Thank You, Joel Izlar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff volunteer Serves a pivotal leadership role at FRITA and is instrumental in FRITA's success. Passionate advocate of Free IT Athens and the importance of the FRITA mission. Responsible for the success of the volunteer orientation program. Active in improving the organization's procedures. Contributes his computer skills to projects at FRITA, and, uses knowledge gained in the MVP program to improve FRITA and more. 	<p>Thank You, Mark Williams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff Volunteer Contributes his years of experience in the field and immense amount of technical know how to help achieve FRITA's mission. Offers exceptional technical support to clients. Is always willing to put in extra time and effort to repair volunteer and client computers. His jolly attitude and anecdotes make open hours all the more fun. 	<p>Thank You, Rachel Rotz</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Secretary, staff member Rachel is most active in guiding the organization and is responsible for designing, implementing and executing a highly successful Ubuntu laptop training course in conjunction with Clarke County Schools. She has also designed computer sales training rights, possibly the first of its kind in the country. Rachel has also played a significant role in the 501(c)(3) application process, as well as community outreach. FRITA would not be where it is today without Rachel's efforts. 
<p>Thank You, Larry Johnson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larry gained hardware and computer repair knowledge early on in his work at FRITA and became an invaluable asset to the refurbishment process. He has also been able to take this knowledge to the Rachel Homes community and has been instrumental in helping them maintain their computer lab. 	<p>Thank You, Brian Pitts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Treasurer, staff member, and driving force behind Free IT Athens. Brian has dedicated a significant portion of his time to FRITA and many of FRITA's successes can be directly attributed to his dedication. Brian has guided FRITA's PR, relations with CDCU and organizations within Athens, as well as pushed forward FRITA's 501(c)(3) grant process. FRITA would not be where it is today without the efforts of Brian. 	<p>Thank You, Semmy Purewal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member and co-founder of Free IT Athens. Creative force behind ideas and positive change at FRITA. Semmy often helps provide tech support, volunteer organization, organizational policies, and much more! 	<p>Thank You, Stephen Joiner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff volunteer Is pivotal in providing technical support during open hours. Does a superb job training new volunteers in the refurbishing process. Has attended every Sanford Stadium recycling event. Is a regular open hours attendee. Consistently contributes new ideas and innovations to improve internal procedures (e.g. stickers, refurbishment process, suggestion process). 
<p>Thank You, Drew Worthey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff volunteer Offers great customer service via awesome tech support. Contributes a high level of technical expertise. Is working on expanding and improving the Free IT Web site and database using Free software. Has devised creative ways of improving FRITA operations. Passionate supporter of open source software and the Ubuntu operating system. 	<p>Thank You, Zoe-Gabrielle Mirov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff member When not volunteering for the Red Cross Zoe likes to help out in FRITA's lab during our open hours. Zoe has been great in community outreach where she has solicited numerous donations for FRITA and gotten the word out! Thank you Zoe! 	<p>Thank You, Pouria Almassi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular volunteer Contributes a vast amount of computer science knowledge and has used it to aid both clients and the organization. He has attended many of the Sanford Stadium recycling events. 	<p>Thank You, Jake Hays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff volunteer Does a great job being FRITA's resident laptop "geni." Jake is instrumental in refurbishing and managing the laptop donated to FRITA, and without Jake it would be much more difficult for volunteers to get repairs. Offers excellent customer service, and manages the refurbishing area, all with a positive attitude. Jake is very active in activities outside of open hours and contributes great ideas at board/staff meetings. 
<p>Thank You, John Ingersoll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff volunteer John adds years of IT experience to FRITA. John is regularly seen at FRITA trainings, refurbishings, and in helping local Athens area non-profit organizations with their tech troubles. Thank you for all you do. 	<p>Thank You, David Millard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contributes his knowledge of Ubuntu and hardware knowledge to help make the FRITA lab a better place. Has attended many FRITA activities. David also offers excellent technical support. We're glad that David chose to get involved with FRITA during his freshman year at UGA! 	<p>Thank You, Joyce Ray</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular volunteer Offers great customer service and is extremely helpful in documenting FRITA activities. Has attended many recycling events. Has also helped with volunteer orientations. We hope she will continue to help with her newly gained accounting skills! 	<p>Thank You, Charles James</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff volunteer Offers technical support to clients. Contributes his creative talents to FRITA and has created some awesome art installations to decorate the space. Charles has attended every Sanford Stadium recycling event. Charles is also often found tidying up the workspace. 



THIS TIME LAST YEAR...





- Even after an expensive move, Free I.T. is sustainable
- Added Saturday! Extra 112 open hours
- Events





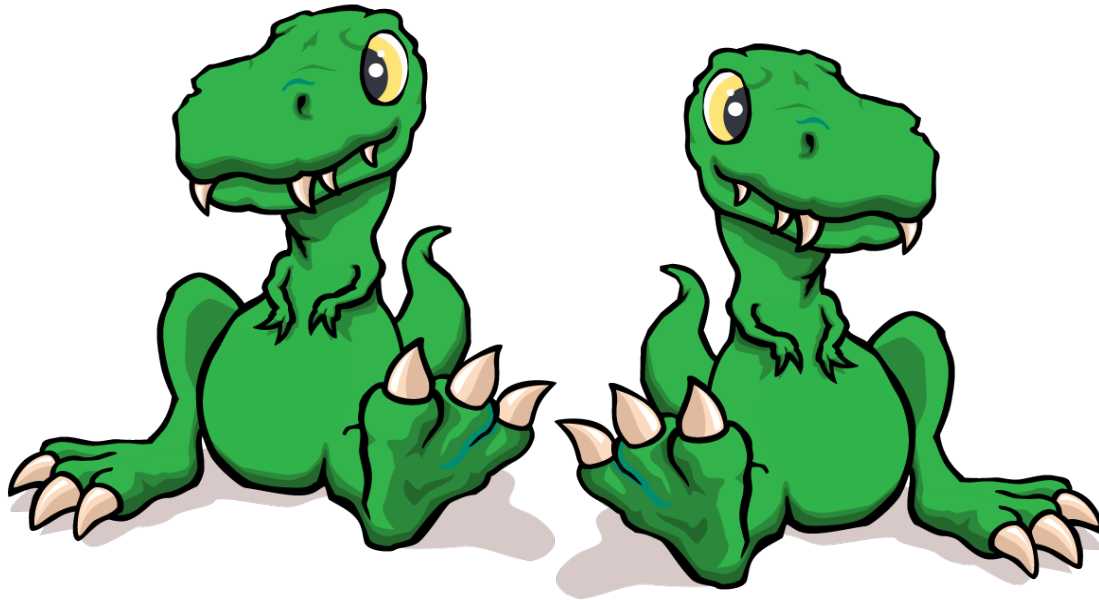
COMPUTERS DISTRIBUTED

- POS broken :(
- 211 computers and laptops distributed



EWASTE

- 29,142lbs of eWaste recycled
- 14.5 tons
- 2x t-rex!





VOLUNTEERS

- 122 active volunteers
- > 4340 hours served
- 180 days of service!





THANK YOU, BILL!

- Squeezes every ounce of life out of printers
- Needs an intern!





THANK YOU, DAVID!

- Staff volunteer
- Cheerful and enthusiastic
- Passionate advocate for free software and always learning
- Finds really cool gadgets to donate





THANK YOU, IAN!

- Associate staff volunteer
- Comes in each weekend (even when he's not feeling so well)
- No one is better at secure data destruction
- Keeps everyone on their toes





THANK YOU, JACK!

- Since his orientation, has been to open hours most weekends
- Refurbishes many computers, always with a smile
- Haunted phone!





THANK YOU, JON!

- Staff volunteer + board member
- Leads board meetings
- Opens and closes every Wednesday, Friday, and Tuesday orientations!
- Keeps up with FRITA communications





THANK YOU, KOFI!

- Staff volunteer
- Always can tell when he's been by because of all the finished laptops
- Spearheads visits to SELF each year





THANK YOU, KRIS!

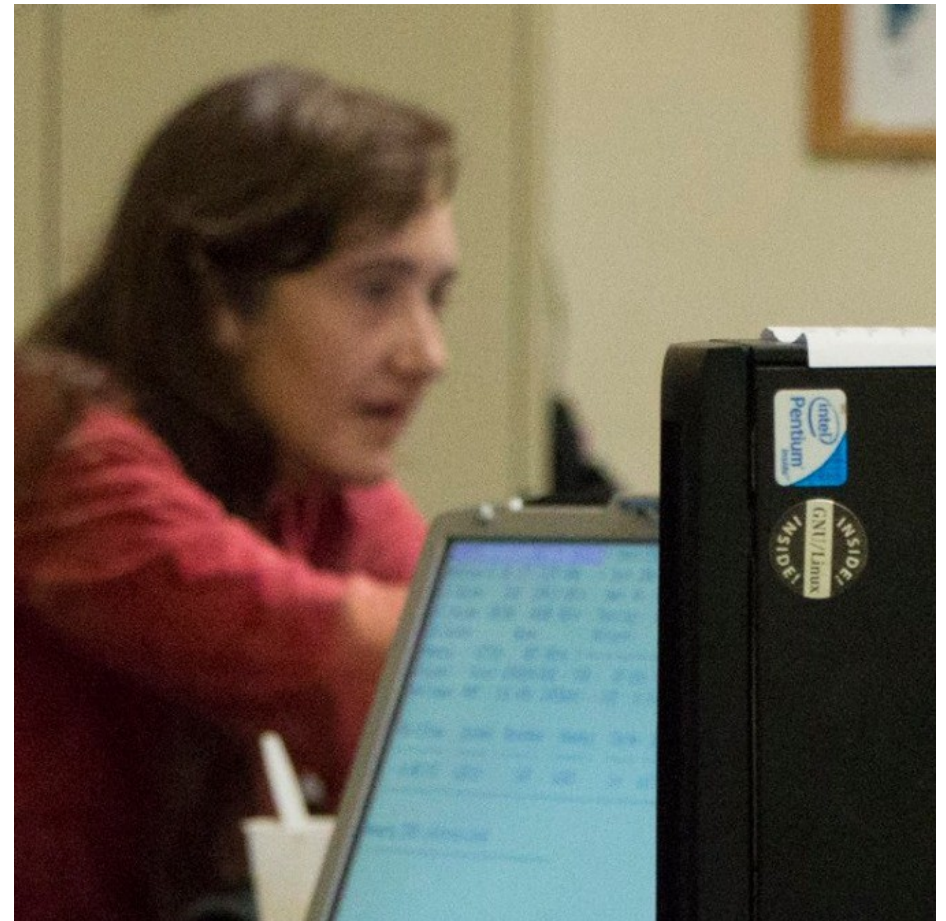
- Staff volunteer
- Tech support
- Has been to every outreach event this year
- Helped start Saturday open hours





THANK YOU, LACHELE!

- Staff volunteer
- Keeps the back end of FRITA running smoothly
- Dramatic rescue of our TimeTrex System
- Bridged CHUGALUG and FRITA to create educational “Noob Hours”





THANK YOU, MARY!

- Tackles whatever needs tackling, refurb, testing, even bringing in her own paint brushes to clean keyboards
- We have so many pictures of volunteers because of her thoughtfulness
- Recruited her husband to fix some of the problems caused by “creative plumbing”
- Talented baker!





THANK YOU, MIKA!

- Staff volunteer and board member
- Keeps track of all FRITA meetings as secretary
- Goes to just about every outreach event
- Find her here every Sunday, rain or shine





THANK YOU, NINA!

- Staff volunteer and board member
- Is here just about every Sunday (even with the new job!)
- Goes to most outreach events or covers for others so they can go
- Is better at tech support than she'll admit!





THANK YOU, NOVIE!

- Lends a helpful hand in refurbishing and testing
- Always has a smile and story to share
- Brings delicious food to share as well





THANK YOU, MATT B.!

- Inspired Saturday hours
- Tech support guru
- Works to make sure the people FRITA serves have the best technology
- Is always looking to find someone a job





THANK YOU, MATT V.!

- Stepped up when Saturday was short staffed
- Handy with power tools
- Does whatever needs doing, whether mounting a new TP holder, QC, or wiping drives
- Really good at pick ups





THANK YOU, PAUL!

- Board member
- Keeps up with all the numbers as treasurer
- Maintains FRITA's relationship with both CHaRM and Project Safe
- Has begun working on outreach





THANK YOU, RODRIGO!

- Started volunteering only a few weeks after moving to a new community---now attends most open hours
- Organized a large donation of parts into many working laptops
- Can always tell which computers he refurbishes by cool wolf signature





THANK YOU, SHAWN!

- Staff volunteer and board member
- Can handle any tech support issue
- Able to identify even the most obscure donation
- Would be in the running for most hours if we could get him to clock in





THANK YOU, SCOTT!

- Staff volunteer and board member
- Prepares all the computers for Project Safe
- Saved FRITA hundreds of dollars by wrapping Gaylords
- Keeps FRITA meetings from running off the rails---will be missed on the board!





THANK YOU, TINA!

- Staff volunteer
- Come in after hours and works magic
- Works hard to reduce the negative impact of ewaste





THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Mohammed, Kofi, Selorm, Spencer, Bob, Matt, Benjamin, Julian, Marcus, William, Remy, Mika, Nina, Kenny, Ian, Merri, Amber, Charlie, Adrian, Cameron, Anita, Patric, Dustin, Rish, Brian, Christopher, Scott, Michael, Lachele, Marquavies, Nakesha, Dylan, Rob, Ashley, Marie, Keani, Victor, Kevin, David, Andreas, Robert, Chris, Dawn, James, Stephen, Parker, Shawn, Demarco, Rita, Bernie, Thomas, Vincent, Miles, Kyle, Sidney, Michael, Seong, Ryan, Barron, Daven, Theo, Mary, John, Kris, Hannah, Andrew, Joseph, Charles, William, Evan, Scott, Johann, Steven, Victor, Christopher, Rodrigo, Justin, Adity, Ramsha, Alex, Francisco, Barbara, Phillip, Arthur, Het, Shivam, Scott, Dan, William, Henry, Kristian, Huygens, Andres, Zachary, Mohammad, Skyler, Ray, Shawn, Anthony, Sara, Cooper, Seungyeon, Austin, Tina, Jon, James, Kevin, Thomas, Alex, Novie, Alex, Rohan, John, Charles, Derrec, Matthew, Jack, Rebecca, Luke, Bill, Paul, Ida

**AND ALL THE FRIENDS AND FAMILY WORKING TO BRIDGE
THE DIGITAL DIVIDE, REDUCE THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF
EWASTE, AND ADVOCATE FOR FREE SOFTWARE, THANK YOU!**