

Avnet Employees Say 'I Can' to ICAN

When Avnet donated \$20,000 to ICAN (Improving Chandler Area Neighborhoods), the company had no idea just how big a difference it would make for Chandler youth.

Avnet knew ICAN planned to use the donation to purchase one 15-passenger van to increase the number of teens it could transport to its after-school substance abuse and gang prevention programs. What it didn't know was that the gift opened the door for the purchase of a second van.

"Because of Avnet's gift, ICAN was able to bring some amazing people to the table and leverage the purchase of a second van," says Christy McClendon, ICAN CEO, who shared the news with Avnet Logistics employees at a ceremony last week unveiling both vans. "It's an amazing testament to the credibility and power of Avnet and the effect your brand has on the community."

With two extra vans, ICAN plans to add additional schools to its pickup schedules and is able to add more time for teens to work on homework and school projects before driving them home for family time.

But that's not the end of Avnet's involvement. Several Avnet Logistics employees have already expressed interest in volunteering at ICAN, further enriching a partnership between the two organizations.