

# Avnet Tech Games Computers Help Chandler Teens



Months after helping Phoenix-area college students demonstrate their technical skills and win scholarships, the Avnet Tech Games (ATG) continues to benefit the community (for more information about ATG, visit [www.avnettechgames.com](http://www.avnettechgames.com)). Avnet recently donated eight computers built during the “AMD Build the Fastest Computer” challenge to local nonprofit Improving Chandler Area Neighborhoods (ICAN).

Avnet employees and ATG volunteers Mike Kenney, Kevin Olson and Bryan Carter delivered the new computers to ICAN for use in its computer lab, which is available to area teens to use for homework and school projects.

“The ICAN team was very grateful, and mentioned it was like Christmas in July,” says Mike, vice president of technical operations for Avnet Technology Solutions. “Being able to give such an awesome gift to a more than deserving charity was an incredible experience.”

The computer donation was the latest in the relationship Avnet has developed with ICAN. Initially chosen as the recipient of a \$20,000 donation to celebrate the Chandler warehouse’s 20th anniversary, ICAN has also become a place where Avnet Logistics employees volunteer regularly, and Jim Smith, president, was the main speaker at a recent fundraising dinner for the organization. Jim and his wife Karen have become personal contributors to ICAN.

Additionally, Avnet’s summer interns spent two days playing with ICAN children.

“Our relationship with Avnet, although only six months old, has had so much impact on the kids of Chandler,” says Christy McClendon, chief executive officer of ICAN. “Avnet is a great example of corporate leadership that helps sustain communities over time, and we look forward to what lies next.”

Building and expanding on partnerships is part of Avnet’s overall community relations strategy, and Avnet seeks to provide corporate support for branches in their efforts to partner with community organizations.

“I can’t think of a better way to use the equipment created from the Avnet Tech Games. With this computer donation project, we not only got tie together two great community outreach projects, but it was also a way for Avnet, Inc. to strengthen a relationship established at the branch level,” says Teri Radosevich, vice president of community relations and public affairs. “We love to see the Avnet locations creating relationships in their communities. Their initiative and creativity is always so inspiring. And, when it turns out that we can do something to enhance those efforts, it’s exciting to see what comes out of these synergies.”