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UScellular Donates \$400 Thousand in Wireless Hot Spots and Service to YWCA Green Bay

Company's After School Access Project helps bridge the "Homework Gap"

Green Bay, WI (March 1, 2022) – To help provide equitable learning access and opportunities and keep local youth connected, UScellular has donated 400 wireless hotspots and two years of service to YWCA Green Bay as part of its *After School Access Project*. Currently, more than 40 million people in the United States lack reliable access to [high-speed internet](#).¹ This leads to an issue known as the "homework gap" among youth who lack proper internet access. UScellular's *After School Access Project* provides free mobile hotspots and service to nonprofits that support youth after the school day has ended and provides safe internet access for homework and education.

"The success of students in the communities we serve is very important to us at UScellular," said Eric Larson, area sales manager at UScellular, "Connecting people and communities is our mission and the *After School Access Project* is just one way that we're helping ensure students have the reliable access they need to grow and pursue their dreams."

After donating more than \$1 million in wireless hotspots and connectivity to nonprofit organizations in Wisconsin since 2021, UScellular is extending its pledge to help connect youth in 2023. Nationally, the company is committing up to \$13 million in new funding to address the "homework gap" among youth who lack access to reliable internet outside the classroom in the United States.

UScellular's [After School Access Project](#) provides mobile hotspots and two years of service to nonprofits that support youth after the school day has ended and offers safe internet access for homework and education. To date, the company has donated more than \$12 million supporting over 100 organizations with hotspots and service nationwide.

"YWCA Great Green Bay is grateful to UScellular for the extremely generous gift of 400 hotspots, said Catherine Sendelbach. "These devices are going to drastically improve the lives of our YWCA members and participants by providing access to high-speed internet to those who support school-aged children, helping to close the homework gap."



Denyelli Garcia received a wireless hotspot from YWCA Greater Green Bay for herself, her 7-yr old cousin, and their family to use.

Hotspots are stand-alone Wi-Fi networks that can connect several devices at once wirelessly and have proven to be a vital tool for youth to access the internet, study and complete homework. The hotspots provided through *After School Access Project* connect to UScellular's network to provide high-speed connectivity for youth throughout Green Bay while at YWCA Greater Green Bay and at home.

UScellular is focused on addressing gaps in STEM education and is committed to connecting more than 200,000 of tomorrow's innovators each year with the resources they need today to help shape future opportunities. Since 2009, UScellular has donated nearly \$22.6 million along with countless experiences and technology items to nonprofit organizations across the country. For more information about the company's corporate social responsibility initiatives, please go to <https://newsroom.uscellular.com/community/>.

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