



## Used-computer collection overcomes scheduling mishap

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The intentions of dozens of people to donate used computers to the John G. Conyers Learning Academy in Rolling Meadows were successful Saturday, thanks to several volunteers who overcame a scheduling mishap.

Two school custodians and social worker Don Sommerville, the event's organizer, showed up at school Saturday to move about 10 tons of old computer and technology equipment left for donation a day after the actual collection.

Every year the academy holds a computer recycling event to both protect the environment from dangerous toxins holed up in unwanted computers and to gain refurbished computers for the school.

The drop-off was set for Friday at the academy, 2800 W. Central Road. An article in Wednesday's Daily Herald incorrectly reported the drop-off day as Saturday. Despite a correction that ran on Thursday, scores of people dropped off equipment Saturday.

In all, Sommerville said, the school netted about 20 tons of

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used computers, cell phones and fax machines from both days.

"It is absolutely fantastic," Sommerville said of the collection drive's biggest take since it started three years ago.

Children and employees of the school helped round up the donations on Friday.

"Our children were fabulous," he said. "A lot of credit goes to those kids."

All of the equipment will be donated to the Assistive Technology Exchange Network, a program of the United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Chicago.

The group refurbishes computers and gives the updated equipment to Illinois students with disabilities.

In past collections, up to 40 percent of the equipment was reusable, Sommerville said.