The Patterson Foundation (TPF) created its Digital Access for All (DA4A) initiative to explore, educate, and engage sectors working to enhance access to technology that connects people in ways that foster inclusion and well-being.

The gate of entry to Digital Access is through a device. If members of society lack devices, the digital divide will perpetuate. Devices have become essential to education, travel, arts, culture, civic engagement, democracy, advocacy, climate, health and wellness, workforce, vital services, government services, and more. While funders continue to invest in organizations that give away free, new, or refurbished machines or sell devices at a low cost to those in need, the need for devices still disproportionately outweighs resources available to people, organizations, and communities.

To explore Devices and Philanthropy further, The Patterson Foundation, in partnership with the Campaign for Grade-Level Reading (CGLR), will be

**The Patterson Foundation’s National Philanthropy Scan Workshop #3: Digital Access and Devices: Scaling the Work Domestically and Internationally with Corporate and Nonprofit Partners**

When Healthcare and Digital Navigation Collide by Rebekah Prieto, Director of Programs and Operations at the Multicultural Health Institute (MHI)

In late 2022, the Multicultural Health Institute (MHI) embarked on a journey with The Patterson Foundation (TPF) to formalize and enhance MHI's growing need to offer digital navigation assistance to its clients. Read Rebekah Prieto's blog on how MHI's participation in TPF's Digital Navigator program will further enhance MHI's capacity to continue its work leveling the healthcare playing field by promoting, educating, and ensuring equal healthcare access and treatment for underserved communities.

Veterans Resource Fair
By Deb Sakellarios
hosting a **Funder to Funder Workshop** on January 31st, 2023–12:30pm at 1:45 pm EST, featuring:

- Kirsten Young, Director, Sustainability Programs, American Tower Corporation
- Karrin Smoley, Sr. Director, Community Impact, Charter Communications
- Scot Henley, Executive Director, Digitunity

Join us and register to attend a powerful Funder to Funder Workshop.

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**BROADBAND IMPACT:**
Connecting Communities to Jobs and Wealth
By Karen Stewart

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From small businesses to large manufacturers, agricultural businesses, logistics, and government, internet speed and reliability are critical to efficient daily operations. The connected economy has significant impacts on where businesses locate, the creation of jobs, the ability for people to access those jobs, and increased wealth for all. Read Karen Stewart's blog emphasizing the importance of broadband's impact as she shares data in the Getting Connected: How Economic Developers are Expanding Broadband Access report published by the International Economic Development Council's Economic Development Research Partners.

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**Fast Fact #1: Why Broadband Connections Matters**

A joint study by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Broadband Providers found that:

- Broadband access is essential for economic growth and development.
- Businesses that have reliable, high-speed internet are more likely to expand and hire new employees.
- Rural areas with better broadband access tend to have higher rates of entrepreneurship and innovation.

Reminder: For Veterans in need of computers, tablets, smartphones, and educational classes, TPF can connect you directly to Sarasota Technology User Group (STUG) and will waive the annual membership fee. To learn more, please contact Deb Sakellarios at dsakellariosTPF@gmail.com.
We've launched a large-scale project to research and address the issue of access disparities in the telehealth and teletherapy realms. Your input helps us gather data about how telehealth and teletherapy access affects you or someone you know so we can explore how to expand access to these services in our community.

Take the Survey

Commerce and Amazon found that in Virginia alone, universal broadband would mean at least $2.24 billion increased annual sales, $1.29 billion annual value added, 9,415 added jobs, and $452.4 million in annual wages. Source [here].

Fast Fact #2: Why Broadband Connections Matters

More than 80% of Fortune 500 companies now accept job applications only online. Source [here].

Do you have a resource or idea to share with the community? Is there a national, regional, or local effort you’d like us to know about or feature in future publications? Contact DA4A at digitalaccess@thepattersonfoundation.org to be considered.

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