

## COMMUNITY ACTION, VIRTUAL AND VITAL

We encourage others in our community to become involved in local and global projects that recognize the importance of generous actions, environmental awareness and ecologically sound practices. By learning together with our students and other young people we can be active participants in demonstrating how to lead lives well-lived and in honor of those who are no longer with us.

We are eternally grateful to all those who have helped, who will continue to help, who decide to join us and most importantly to the young students who gave us so much during their short time here on earth.

Donations of time, energy, ideas, materials and dollars are appreciated for this ongoing project. Tax deductible contributions may be made to:

The Jesse Higginbotham Technology Trust, Inc.  
236 Liverpool Road Lexington, KY 40504.

The Trust is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization .

You may read about additional projects sponsored by the Jesse Higginbotham Technology Trust on our website [www.jessehigginbotham.com](http://www.jessehigginbotham.com).

## LINKS OF INTEREST

The Jesse Higginbotham Technology Trust, Inc.  
[www.jessehigginbotham.com](http://www.jessehigginbotham.com)

J & J Tech Solutions, LLC  
[www.jajtech.com](http://www.jajtech.com)

Ubuntu, a community developed operating system designed, maintained and updating by Open Source developers  
[www.ubuntu.com](http://www.ubuntu.com)

Source Forge, the world's largest Open Source software development website  
[www.sourceforge.net](http://www.sourceforge.net)

NonLogic, an online community fostering Open Source software and other forms of creative expression  
[www.nonlogic.org](http://www.nonlogic.org)

Creative Commons, a non-profit organization devoted to expanding the range of creative works available for others to legally share and build upon  
[www.creativecommons.org](http://www.creativecommons.org)

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# THE MINDTRIGGERZ PROJECT



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## Mindtriggerz

In June of 2004, Jesse Higginbotham at the age of 14 created an account on the then beta "GMail" (Google mail) choosing the username "mindtriggerz". In the course of the next three years it became a familiar name on the internet, posted on forums such as mozillazine, archlinux, rubyforge, and slashdot to name just a few. "Mindtriggerz" was soon synonymous with open source, tech support, contributions of advice and assistance. Opinionated, relentless and often very much appreciated, Jesse's extensive sharing of knowledge among both his peers and those who had no idea quite how young he really was grew to a level that far exceeded what we suspect was even known to him.

In April of 2007 the local and global community lost a great contributor when Jesse was involved in a fatal automobile accident on his way to school.

With assistance from family members, many friends and area businesses the Jesse Higginbotham Technology Trust, a non-profit, was organized in an effort to continue the work Jesse was so passionate about. The "Mindtriggerz Project" is one of the many endeavors the Trust has embarked upon to complete Jesse's work.

Jesse firmly believed that technology should be available to everyone regardless of financial means and support. He believed that technology brought the world home, that the benefits are educational, social and personal. To that end, the Mindtriggerz Project's primary focus is to place computers in the homes of elementary aged youth who could not otherwise afford it, here in his home of Cardinal Valley.



## A Second Life for Technology

Our goal is not only to give used technology a second life, but to provide the necessary training, follow-up, support and upgrades to youngsters among us who might have an as yet undiscovered talent such as Jesse's. Students from around Fayette County are assisting in every aspect of the Mindtriggerz Project: from refurbishing donated computers to training youth and their families, to teaching each other in a manner similar to Jesse's.

While our commitment to do this work "one computer at a time" is strong, our hope is that our community, Jesse's community, will come together in support of an idea both altruistic and true to Jesse's nature.

### To trigger young minds with technology.

Our work began on January 5, 2008. Contact among our members has been digital—via GMail, a Facebook group and our website. With the assistance of various news sources, bulletins and the Dunbar High School Enews, we continue to receive a wide variety of donated technology from the Lexington area.

Jon Jones, Jesse's best friend and partner in business, J and J Tech Solutions, [www.jajtech.com](http://www.jajtech.com), has taken the lead on this project—collecting technology, assessing components, completing inventories and researching the open source operating system best suited for our work.

Our "beta" group began testing in the Summer of 2008. We installed the Ubuntu operating system along with a variety of open source educational software suites. Training sessions are being held each Saturday at the Cardinal Valley Park Indoor Shelter from 10am to 2pm and will continue through May, 2009. Recipient families are instructed in basic operation of the systems as well as the educational software.

Additional information and updates on our work is posted on our website. We invite you to learn more about our continued work in Jesse's honor.



## How to help

- Donate your old technology:** We accept working and non-working CPU's, monitors, printers, cables, keyboards and other accessories. Please contact us to arrange free pickup.
- Donate your time:** We welcome the active participation of youth and adults in assisting with testing, inventory, troubleshooting and help with instruction.
- Donate a few dollars:** Contributions to the Trust are tax-deductible. Donations may be made online using PayPal by visiting [www.jessehigginbotham.com](http://www.jessehigginbotham.com) — follow the "Contribute" link. Donations may also be mailed to:  
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- Help us spread the word:** Post a notice on your community or work bulletin board, contact your companies IT division, let your neighborhood association or your school know about this project. Every computer donated to Mindtriggerz will be used—any component that is beyond repair or has had working parts removed and reused will be given to the LFUCG electronic recycling program.



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