

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE



*An update from Sparrow FET College*



## PARTNERING WITH SPARROW IN TRAINING DISADVANTAGED YOUTH

Global IT giant HP has partnered with Tarsus Technology Group, Go Rentals, and Dispose-IT to create a non-profit initiative called the HP Refresh Programme. This programme has been donating IT hardware to various students and educational institutions to ensure that individuals are able to continue learning through the COVID-19 pandemic. One such recipient has been Sparrow FET College, an institution working to train and upskill youth from disadvantaged backgrounds. Sparrow FET commenced our online learning programme on the 14th of April and has been delivering students content through the medium of What's App, due to this being the most widely used medium among our students.

Although this medium has been embraced by our students and facilitators alike, it has presented a challenge, as learning through a smartphone has limits on the resources available to them and it places limits of the quality of assignments our students are able to produce. We are, therefore, incredibly grateful to the HP Refresh Programme for the donation of 20 laptops for our students.



*Messages from our students:*

"Thank you for the laptop, I have been struggling a lot and have been borrowing my neighbour's laptop so this will help me. Thank you."

"I am doing end user computing at Sparrow. Thank you for handing this laptop to me so I can do my work properly."

"I am an IT End user Computing Student. Thank you very much for the laptop, it is going to help me a lot. I have been using my phone to do my assignments which has been difficult because I have weak eye-sight so this will make working much easier now."



As we work to streamline our process of online learning we need to make alterations that will allow our students to have an as effective learning process as possible. These donated laptops have been distributed to our FET Students and has allowed them to enhance their online learning process, increasing their access to necessary learning material. Students will now be able to produce work to standard of which they are proud, with far greater ease.

"Thank you for the laptop, because I have been struggling with my work."



"I am doing end user computing. The laptop provided will help me a lot with the submissions. I will be able to complete my work on time and I can do my work accurately so thank you."

Thank you for donating a laptop to me, its going to help me a lot. Thank you."

## AN APPEAL

Sparrow FET and the HP Refresh Programme are appealing to any businesses with second-hand laptops that are no longer being used, to donate them and partner with us, in providing education to disadvantaged youth in South Africa. These devices will be wiped, sanitised and reloaded with a basic operating system. HP Refresh will continue to distribute them across the country and Sparrow FET will be distributing them to our students allowing us to effectively deliver the remote learning programmes and streamline our online learning process.

To watch some more thank you videos from our students, please click here:  
[Laptop Donation](#)

