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TechSoup Global Launches Service to Scale Donations of Microsoft Office 365 for Nonprofits

Collaboration with Microsoft aims to help nonprofits, charities, and NGOs in up to 90 countries create more mission-driven impact

September 12, 2013 — San Francisco, Calif. — TechSoup Global announced today that, in partnership with Microsoft, it has launched a new service on its platform to quickly and reliably verify if an organization is a registered non-governmental organization (NGO) and qualified to receive donations of Microsoft Office 365 for Nonprofits. This service enables Microsoft to scale its donation of Office 365 for Nonprofits, available in 41 countries immediately and in up to 90 countries by July 2014. TechSoup Global's worldwide network of partner NGOs ensures that these validation services are scalable, reliable, and consistent, while being appropriately tailored to the local context.

Office 365 for Nonprofits breaks down geographic boundaries and enables NGOs worldwide to work how they need to, allowing them to focus on what matters — helping more people and effecting more change. To obtain web-based Office 365 donations, NGOs can request them directly from Microsoft at www.microsoft.com/office365nonprofits. Qualified organizations gain access to Office applications and documents from virtually anywhere, backed by industry-leading security features and a 99.9 percent financially backed uptime guarantee.

Rebecca Masisak, CEO of TechSoup Global, commented: "Many corporations, foundations, and individuals would like to more easily engage the world's estimated 10 million nonprofits, charities, and NGOs. But reaching valid organizations can be time-consuming and expensive. Microsoft and TechSoup Global partnered more than a decade ago to create an innovative giving platform for software that has now become a global ecosystem for easy sharing of resources at scale, including donations of products and services, educational content, money, and volunteer time as well as technology."

Ms. Masisak continued, "We are excited about this new service as we expect to it to significantly expand the resource flow to NGOs working in local communities around the world. We see NGOs as contributors to this ecosystem as well, bringing their own communities of experts to a global dialogue on the world's most pressing social problems and the resources that can make a difference."

Lori Harnick, general manager of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Microsoft, commented: “Office 365 for Nonprofits is a new, critical investment Microsoft is making into the global nonprofit community. Our collaboration with TechSoup Global allows us to rapidly scale and extend the benefits of our Office 365 for Nonprofits donation program across the globe, helping nonprofits streamline their IT so they can focus on doing more good.”

Over the past 25 years — through working with NGOs, corporate donors, and engaged individuals — TechSoup Global has built a set of unique capabilities that it now offers back to the sector’s stakeholders at scale. They include a global social-sector dataset of 540,000 qualified organizations and two decades of experience in building scalable and replicable validation processes that adhere to strict security and quality standards and that have facilitated more than US\$3.8 billion of technology product philanthropy.

About TechSoup Global

TechSoup Global is an international network of 53 partner NGOs in Africa, the Americas, Asia Pacific, Europe, and the Middle East. For over 25 years, it has leveraged technology to build NGO capacity towards solving problems in local communities and fostering global social change. TechSoup Global’s core competencies include running one of the biggest technology philanthropy programs in the world; providing NGO validation services to funders and corporations; gathering, analyzing, and distributing global social-sector data; and catalyzing community-oriented technology innovations.

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