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Word Technologies, LLC Donates Steno Keyboards to Project Steno

Dan Glassman, president of Word Technologies, LLC, has donated 11 brand-new Tréal keyboards to Project Steno for use in their Basic Training program. Word Technologies, LLC, founded in 1998, distributes leading-edge technologies for converting the spoken word to written text to individuals, corporations, non-profit organizations, and governments around the globe.

Nancy Varallo, Project Steno's Executive Director, explains: "The Tréal keyboards will be loaned at no charge to those who enroll in Project Steno's Basic Training. This free six-week course is taught by volunteers who share their stories while giving young men and women a hands-on opportunity to learn some basic steno theory."

Project Steno promotes the stenographic court reporting and captioning professions through social media and community outreach, with the goal of building a robust pipeline of students into school and graduating them in two years.

"It's a unique and fabulous profession that offers a wide range of opportunities for new practitioners," says Glassman. "The problem is that at a time when the demand for more reporters and captioners is increasing, the supply is decreasing. My contribution is made to assist Project Steno's attempt to find young people who have strong language skills, nimble minds, and the drive to be in charge of their own futures – without having to spend four years in college running up large tuition loans. Few other opportunities exist that offer the rewards that can be had from a profession that is limited only by one's imagination. Who wouldn't want to be a part of revitalizing that profession?"

Project Steno offers tuition assistance to students who wish to enroll a Project Steno Partner Program. To be eligible for tuition assistance, prospective students first must complete Project Steno's Basic Training course or NCRA's A-to-Z Program, available online or locally throughout the United States.

Our mission is straightforward," says Project Steno President Jim DeCrescenzo, RDR, CRR. "We want to repopulate the dwindling ranks of stenographic reporters and captioners in our field. To do that, we need to get motivated students into school and graduate them in two years. Dan Glassman shares our goals."

About Project Steno

Founded in 2017, Project Steno is an independent, non-affiliated organization that relies entirely on financial support from the court reporting community. Its goals are to:

- Promote the stenographic reporting profession and recruit promising students;

- Partner with stenographic reporting schools and programs to graduate students in two years;
- Defray education costs by awarding tuition assistance to qualifying students in schools and programs across the country.

Project Steno holds 501(c)3 status as a charitable organization. It operates entirely on a not-for-profit basis. In January 2018 Project Steno launched its program of tuition assistance and placed its first students in court reporting school. With the manifest enthusiasm of court reporters everywhere, Project Steno will continue to raise funds to promote widespread awareness of our unique profession and create a robust pipeline of students into court reporting schools and graduates into the field. Learn more at <http://ProjectSteno.org>.

*Project Steno is the trade name of Project to Advance Stenographic Reporting, Inc. Project Steno's purpose is to provide tuition assistance to select students who wish to learn stenographic reporting. Not all applicants will be received into the Project Steno tuition assistance program.