



MEDIA ADVISORY

CANADIAN HOOPS LEGEND JAMAAL MAGLOIRE GIVES YOUTH 100 LAPTOPS AT 4th ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL LAPTOP DRIVE WITH COMPASS GROUP

TORONTO, ON (September 17, 2026) - Jamaal Magloire, Canadian Basketball Hall of Famer, former NBA All-Star and Toronto Raptors Community Ambassador, is hosting his **4th Annual Back-to-School Laptop Drive** at BGC East Scarborough on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, a collaboration with Compass Group North America and Magloire's Foundation (JMF).

100 youth ages 6 to 20 from three organizations (BGC East Scarborough, The Children's Breakfast Clubs, and Project Excellence) will receive laptop computers for school as part of 'The Digital Future Initiative', a program founded by the technology collective at Compass Group North America. September is back-to-school time for thousands of students, and yet many do not have reliable access to technology.

"I know firsthand some of the challenges youth face in our underserved communities, and I'm committed to removing barriers so they can focus on learning, growing, and playing," said Scarborough's very own Magloire. "Together with our generous partners at Compass Group, we become a bridge for kids to learn by providing free access to technology. These laptops help level the playing field for under-resourced youth, unlocking hope, curiosity, dreams, and a world of possibilities. We're telling these young people that we believe in their future, and we're investing in their success."

Since the program's inception, JMF + Compass have distributed more than 500 computers to under-resourced youth across the GTA. Knowledge is power, and as elementary and secondary education increasingly requires technology, this annual program is crucial for bridging the digital divide and enhancing academic opportunities for local youth. Participants have the chance to receive laptops and learn about educational support services.

WHAT: Jamaal Magloire Foundation's 4th Annual Back-To-School Laptop Drive

WHEN: Wednesday September 23, 2026 | 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM

WHERE: BGC East Scarborough, 100 Galloway Road Scarborough, ON M1E 1W7

WHO:

- Jamaal Magloire, President of Jamaal Magloire Foundation, Canadian Basketball Hall of Famer, Toronto Raptors Community Ambassador, and former NBA All-Star
- The Honourable Andrea Hazell, MPP Scarborough Guildwood and Third Deputy Chair of the Committee of the Whole House and Second Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on Social Policy
- Nikita Sanders, Sr. Director, Community Impact, Compass Digital
- Youth ages 6 to 20 from BGC East Scarborough, The Children's Breakfast Clubs, and Project Excellence

Media are invited to attend this impactful event and interview attendees. Please RSVP in advance by contacting:

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About Jamaal Magloire Foundation:

Jamaal Magloire Foundation, a registered charity founded in 2017, is committed to enhancing the lives of under-resourced youth in the GTA by assisting them in acquiring and developing academic and social skills through sports, the arts, and community engagement.

About Compass Group:

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