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## Connecting Stanislaus and Partners to Celebrate 10 Years of Technology Outreach!

Friday, November 20, 2009 8:30 AM to 10 AM Continental Breakfast Galaxy Theater 2525 Patterson Road Riverbank

**Connecting Stanislaus**, a community based <u>technology access initiative</u>, is celebrating its 10th year of making a difference in Stanislaus County on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM at the Galaxy Theater in Riverbank.

The Connecting Stanislaus program continues to promote technology usage among county residents in many ways, from offering no cost computer training classes to hosting half-day technology education summits.

To commemorate a decade of outreach, Connecting Stanislaus will bring back a long running tradition, the <u>PC Construction Derby</u>. A computer build off whereby teams of two compete against one another (and the clock) to build the fastest PC from component parts. Two new community technology labs will be dedicated from this activity at the event. These newest Connecting Stanislaus learning labs are co-sponsored by the California Emerging Technology Fund, One Economy Corporation and AT&T California.

The <u>Connecting Stanislaus Beehive</u>, a community website (portal) and collaborative effort between Connecting Stanislaus, the City of Riverbank, and One Economy Corporation will also launch at this event. The Connecting Stanislaus Beehive will become the community's one-stop website for all things Stanislaus. Sharing information on everything from education to health related issues.

If not enough – this fast paced agenda will also include a graduation ceremony of the <u>Riverbank Digital Connectors</u> from their second trimester of technical training. The youths in this program are learning the skills required to be technology ambassadors in their community. Come congratulate them as they move one step closer to becoming our bridge to the digital divide in Riverbank.

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