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**Kidango Child Development Centers Go High Tech
with 19 Computers from IBM**

Kidango has been awarded a grant of 19 Young Explorer computer units from IBM to be placed in Kidango centers to enhance the learning environment for each child. IBM has generously provided such computer units to Kidango in the past and has reiterated their commitment to introducing children to technology at a young age through this award to Kidango.

The Young Explorer computer units, along with donated KidSmart Early Learning software, will be used to create Computer Learning Areas at each center. The centers to receive the units currently do not have operating computers for the children and they are excited for this new addition to their classrooms.

Having early and regular experience with computers will help our children become more confident with computers and give them a strong foundation of computer literacy. This foundation will help ensure that our children are more successful in school and in the future which will help us meet IBM's goal of strengthening student achievement.

Kidango preschool teachers will incorporate the computers and educational software into their curriculum to promote each child's development and computer literacy. As the children's skill levels increase, the teachers will incorporate more complex learning activities into their curriculum plans to further foster children's development.

The Young Explorer units will be used at eight centers in San Jose, with the remaining being placed in centers around Alameda County. The computers will enhance the learning experience of approximately 1,311 children daily.

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About Kidango

Kidango, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit children's agency. It began as Tri-Cities Children's Centers, Inc. in 1979 and at inception there were 90 children and families being served at one center in Fremont. As a leader in early care and education, Kidango offers a wide variety of programs to meet the diverse needs of children 0-12 years of age and their families. Currently there are 38 centers throughout the Bay Area and the agency is continuously expanding to meet the growing needs of children and families. Today more than 2,500 children and families are served in the Alameda and Santa Clara counties each year.

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