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## FRRC Donates 25 Tablets to Local Nursing Homes to Benefit Residents Quarantined Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

ORLANDO, FL (April 9, 2020) —This week, the <u>Florida Rights Restoration</u> <u>Coalition</u> (FRRC) donated 25 tablets with wireless internet connectivity to an Orlando assisted living facility so that residents impacted by the COVID-19 (coronavirus) quarantine can communicate with their families.

With an exponential increase in the number of new coronavirus cases being reported, nursing homes have been forced to stop visitation and implement social distancing initiatives to curtail the spread of the virus. While these rules have been put in place for the overall benefit of public health, not being able to see their loved ones could cause added stress to the elderly during this global health emergency.

"We recognize that our senior citizen community, like people who are incarcerated, are some of the most vulnerable populations during this pandemic," said Desmond Meade, Executive Director of FRRC. "Due to the coronavirus, these facilities have restricted all visitors, and that this restriction has created an extreme burden on people who have loved ones residing in these facilities."

"It is an honor to help families connect at this time. We also understand that these restrictions can severely hamper the much needed therapeutic benefits of the personal connection between a patient and their loved ones," Meade added.

In addition to this donation, FRRC will be seeking partnerships with businesses and organizations to support other vulnerable populations disproportionately affected by this pandemic.

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FRRC is a grassroots, membership organization run by Returning Citizens (Formerly Convicted Persons) who are dedicated to ending the disenfranchisement and discrimination against people with convictions and creating a more comprehensive and humane reentry system that will enhance successful reentry, reduce recidivism, and increase public safety.