

Hello Kathy Thurman,

I live in Brandon Township, and I wanted to make sure you were aware of the low-cost Internet programs available to low-income families in the community. These programs are under-utilized in most communities due to a lack of awareness. I am sharing details for both Charter and Comcast since both carriers service our area depending on where a home is located.

I am not sure how the Township could market them, but I thought a first step was making sure you were aware of their existence.

Charter launched a low-cost Internet program in November 2016:

Press Release: <https://newsroom.charter.com/press-releases/charter-industry-standard-low-cost-broadband-families-seniors/>

Charter Program Site: <https://www.spectrum.com/browse/content/spectrum-internet-assist.html>

Comcast has had a program available for students for years, but recently expanded it to include HUD households. I have attached the Fact Sheet for Comcast's Internet Essentials program, and a link to the program site. If the township registers a partner with Comcast (it is free), you will have access to the Comcast Internet Essentials marketing materials.

Comcast Program site: <https://internetessentials.com/>

Thank you for your time, and if you have questions let me know. I have shared these programs for years in the school districts I have worked in, and it is amazing how connected people feel when they have affordable access to the Internet.

Please feel free to pass this along to neighboring communities (the Village, Groveland Township, Atlas Township, etc.)

Thanks,

Beth Soggs