

# The Compassion Center Furtheres Its Outreach With ColoMachine



**Compassion Center Facility**

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity, the Compassion Center is sheltered within two acres of gardens just inside the Maryland/ Washington D.C. beltway. In the densely populated national capital area, there's a daily toll of life due to accidents, illness and even violence. Yet the city's hectic pace leaves little time to truly comfort the surviving child, parent or spouse. Their grief and despair, often buried prematurely, may lead to sickness, depression, substance abuse, poverty and lifelong difficulties.

The Compassion Center, like many nonprofits throughout the U.S., has found it increasingly difficult to raise funds in the volatile economic climate of recent years. Because the original farmhouse did not meet modern occupancy codes, extensive renovation and

**Learn how a non-profit community outreach group was able to improve their database management and technology with ColoMachine.**

rebuilding were required, but few funds were available.

The Center's small but dedicated team of volunteers, realized they had to leverage their resources through database management, Internet research, email and a website presence.

The Center's budget was especially tight due to rising utilities and other costs. The

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affordability. The Center already had a good relationship with the ISP hosting their website. Knowing that the ISP had intensive familiarity with rack servers, Guetzkow asked for their advice.

**Business Problem:**

Organization needed a new server that was reliable, had more memory and was within budget.

**Solution:**

CM-56C from ColoMachine and CM bracket accessory

**Cost:**

Retail: \$790\*

*\*ColoMachine donated the products.*

"Our ISP highly recommended the ColoMachine as a trouble-free and reasonably priced server," said Guetzkow. "The ISP has years of experience with everything-- Dells, IBMs, Suns, HPs-- but they recommended the ColoMachine! So we looked it over very carefully."

He then contacted ColoMachine and explained the Center's plight, fully prepared to purchase a unit.

"We were relieved and very grateful that

ColoMachine was willing to donate the CM-56C along with a CM-Bracket accessory," said Guetzkow. "Their generosity means we can now stretch our budget for the upgraded software and peripherals that we still need."

In the course of its operations since 1996, The Compassion Center has developed an extensive database to research, develop and publicize its mission. The new ColoMachine unit serves as the core of the Center's IT system. The Center plans to use this enhanced capacity to coordinate with private, public and religious entities so as to provide a range of crisis support, counseling and companionship services for the bereaved.

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"ColoMachine's server is central to our IT system. It's heartening that they understand the importance of supporting such community efforts." The Compassion Center is grateful for the donation of the ColoMachine server that will further its efforts as a regional sanctuary dedicated to helping surviving children and family members when there's been death of a loved one.

"We're working with few funds on a significant mission," said Guetzkow. "Our outreach to the community, to social service agencies, to other volunteers and to sponsors -- depends on our having a reliable server. That's why we are so grateful that ColoMachine decided to donate one of their servers."

For more information on The Compassion Center, go to [www.compassioncenter.org](http://www.compassioncenter.org)

For more information on the ColoMachine CM-56C, go to:

<http://www.colomachine.com/cm-56c.htm>