

The FWIO Partnership Garden is Blooming

FWIO's ROSE Program and PointerWare Innovations Ltd. have struck a special relationship in order to make computers and the Internet more accessible to FWIO Members, their families and friends.

PointerWare is an easy-to-use computer platform that helps anyone get online and stay connected with



family and the wider world. Even if you've never used a computer, you can use PointerWare – it's that easy.

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Buttons using large fonts and plain English offer uncomplicated choices that let you read and send messages to loved ones, play brainfitness games, organize photos, see and talk to your children and grandchildren with PointerWare video chat, and even check on the weather, news or anything else you

want to via the Internet. If you're a senior who has never used a computer before but would love to be able to send electronic messages to family or see what the Internet has to offer, this is a great opportunity. And while PointerWare is immensely popular with seniors, it's also an ideal solution for those who struggle with conventional computer systems. This innovative technology is closing the digital divide by providing accessible computing for special populations with Macular Degeneration, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and other physical and mental disabilities.

Our relationship with PointerWare means a couple of things. Members and their families and friends will receive a special FWIO discount (\$129 versus the regular \$149 fee) when they sign up for a PointerWare subscription. In addition, PointerWare will supplement our fundraising efforts by giving FWIO 10% of the proceeds from every subscription sold to FWIO Members and their families and friends.

This is an exciting opportunity to take advantage of the many benefits of being online. Connected individuals are healthier and happier than their non-Internet using counterparts. Those who connect with family, friends and the wider community via email and the Internet are less likely to suffer from depression. Age-related dementia can be slowed, and possibly reversed, when seniors take advantage of computer-based brainfitness games. Self-esteem goes up when individuals learn something new, and some studies suggest that those who take advantage of what the Internet has to offer are able to stay independent longer. The list goes on and on.

Download your free trial copy of PointerWare by going to **http://pointerware.com/fwio.**

