



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Sammy Lowdermilk
Sammy@tncodeacademy.com
931-224-7770

100 Girls of Code Expands Outside of the U.S. Into Belize

Chattanooga, June 19, 2015- The [100 Girls of Code](#) program is expanding its reach outside of the United States by opening a local chapter in the Central American country of Belize. 100 Girls of Code is partnering with [My Virtual Consultant](#) and Impact Belize to open the local chapter.

David Ahuja, of My Virtual Consultant, is excited about the partnership, “Bringing this program to Belize is a game changer. This is an opportunity to expose young girls to computer science and software development. Most of these girls have limited access to computers and would never have the opportunity to learn how to code a website. This program fits perfectly with the Impact Belize program that brings laptops and iPads to these remote villages in the Corozal District of Belize.”

100 Girls of Code is an initiative of the [Tennessee Code Academy](#) that began in 2014 to spark interest in computer programming among young women ages 10 to 18. The initiative began opening chapters in January, with [16 chapters](#) across the United States to date.

The initiative’s co-founder, Sammy Lowdermilk, is excited about taking the program beyond the U.S., “We never imagined that this program would grow beyond Tennessee, much less the United States. I believe this speaks to the increasing realization for the need of more diversity in tech fields.”

The mission of 100 Girls of Code is to achieve gender parity in STEM fields by introducing more young women to code and computer engineering at a young age. The organization seeks to inspire more girls to pursue a future in STEM by providing young women an opportunity to create and gain confidence in what they create. All 100 Girls of Code workshops are led by female programmers who are not only experts in their fields and academically trained, but most importantly, they are “girls of code” themselves.

To learn more about the 100 Girls of Code Belize chapter or to get involved, visit <http://www.100girlsofcode.com/belize>.

###

About 100 Girls of Code

This initiative is a program of TN Code Academy. By offering free computer-programming workshops to young females, ages 10 to 18, the program aims to get more girls interested in computer science fields. The organization has now expanded to 16 chapters across the U.S. For more information, go to www.100girlsofcode.com.