# The Jane and John Marks Foundation

The mission of the Jane and John Marks Foundation, a U.S. based non-profit organization, is to improve the lives of citizens through advocacy and outreach. It recognizes a path to the betterment of society via sustainable economic growth and education, fueled by emerging technology.

## DigitalUnite

As our modern society grows and becomes increasingly interconnected thanks to modern communications technology, Most Americans now are able to use the Internet on a regular basis, but there still exists a "digital divide" that threatens to leave many citizens behind.

It is true that previously less-connected groups, such as women and minorities, have grown to become significant consumers within the Internet ecosystem. However, these groups still lag far behind their majority counterparts as producers, creators, and owners.

The DigitalUnite Initiative, sponsored by the Jane and John Marks Foundation, aims to close that gap through the following efforts:

## **Broadband Advocacy**

DigitalUnite will work towards the acceleration broadband deployment in unserved and underserved residential and commercial areas.

DigitalUnite will promote and assist strategic institutions that are likely to create broadbandoriented jobs and provide significant public benefits

### STEM initiatives

In accordance with the Florida STEM Strategic plan, DigitalUnite will promote Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics among young people

### Outreach

DigitalUnite will develop and support local institutions and solutions to provide education, support, and opportunities for students and job-seekers within the community.

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