AT&T is dedicated to using technology to help solve some of the world’s most pressing challenges—from climate change and resource conservation to improving education outcomes for students and employees.

2017 was an important year in AT&T’s commitment to renewable energy. We expanded our portfolio through 3 large wind-energy deals with NextEra Energy Resources. These agreements will produce 820 megawatts of wind power, making this one of the largest corporate renewable energy purchases in the U.S.¹ The projects are expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to taking more than 530,000 cars off the road or providing electricity for more than 372,000 homes per year.²

Another way we’re addressing today’s challenges is through our Smart Cities initiative, which helps cities monitor power outages, water leaks and traffic patterns to more effectively manage their resources. We’re consistently innovating and looking for ways our customers can harness our technologies to help minimize their environmental impact. And, we’re employing many of these solutions ourselves, helping us meet our commitment to enable carbon savings that are 10 times the carbon footprint of our operations by 2025.

On the education front, our $400 million AT&T Aspire education initiative is preparing students for success in school and the workplace. In the U.S., we’re working with proven non-profits like Year Up, Genesys Works and Girls Who Code to equip students with job-ready skills. And in Latin America, our flagship program Escuela+ has reached more than 8,800 rural schools in 8 countries.

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Our employees continue to step up as well. Since 2012, they have collectively spent more than 2.2 million hours mentoring more than 350,000 students.

But it’s not just young people who need the right skills to succeed. We all must constantly refresh our capabilities for a world where the pace of technological change continues to accelerate. That’s why we’ve embraced the culture of continuous learning and have backed that commitment with an employee reskilling initiative unsurpassed in size and scope.

In 2017, hurricanes, earthquakes and wildfires devastated many parts of the U.S. and Mexico, inflicting widespread damage and impacting millions of people. To aid in restoration and recovery efforts, we deployed thousands of employees and contractors to assist first responders and restore communications for customers, businesses and local governments.

We also made a $1 million matching donation to Team Rubicon, a veteran-led disaster response organization made up of skilled volunteers who deploy when disaster strikes.

Natural disasters like these underscore why network reliability is always one of our top priorities. Over the past few years, we have invested significantly to build and enhance our networks and get ready for the transition to a mobile 5G world.

Finally, we are proud to have been selected to partner with the U.S. First Responder Network Authority, or FirstNet, to build and manage America’s first nationwide public safety communications platform dedicated to first responders in times of need. When completed, this state-of-the-art network will allow public safety officials to focus on what matters most—protecting communities and saving lives.

For 142 years, we’ve used technology to solve problems and improve people’s lives. I invite you to learn more about our recent efforts in the following pages.