Simplifying Cloud Migration for a Non-Profit

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Client Snapshot

Project Return Peer Support is a non-profit organization, founded on 1979 in Los Angeles. They are California's first staff-facilitated peer support program for people with mental illness. The company has evolved and expanded in its 35 years of operation and earned the distinction as a "Partners in CARE" (Community Access to Recovery and Empowerment) model, a national Mental Health America initiative to spread successful ways of serving people with mental illness.

Testimonial

"Velonex Technologies has been our IT company for years. This last year we needed to migrate to working from a server-based system to the cloud. Simplicit was extraordinary in assisting us with making this transition. They are incredibly responsive to all of our requests, patient with our variety of tech savvy staff, and always accommodating to our needs."

-Guyton Colantuono
Executive Director

THE CHALLENGE: THE COST OF DATA COMPLEXITY ⌄

The organization had relied on an on-premises server environment for years. While it supported daily operations, it became increasingly costly and less flexible as their needs evolved, limiting efficiency and long-term sustainability.

- **Rising Maintenance Costs:** Ongoing expenses for server upkeep, upgrades, and support were steadily increasing.
- **Hardware Dependency:** Operations relied heavily on aging physical equipment, creating risk in the event of hardware failure.
- **Limited Flexibility:** Storage capacity was fixed, making it difficult to quickly scale up when workloads increased or scale down when needs changed.
- **Upgrade Burden:** Infrastructure improvements required significant time, planning, and capital investment.
- **Energy Consumption:** Maintaining on-premises hardware contributed to higher energy usage and a larger environmental footprint.

PROJECT GOALS ⌄

- ✓ Move company data from on-premises servers to a secure, reliable cloud platform.
- ✓ Increase scalability with flexible storage and resource adjustments.
- ✓ Cut costs from hardware maintenance, upgrades, and unexpected replacements.
- ✓ SAdopt a more energy-efficient, sustainable IT environment with improved performance.

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SOLUTIONS OVERVIEW

The project aimed to migrate the organization's on-premises infrastructure to a secure, cloud-based environment, enhancing security, collaboration, and efficiency. Velonex Technologies partnered with the client to ensure a smooth migration.

The project included:

- **Migration Planning:** Collected information, reviewed current setup, and designed a detailed migration plan.
- **User & Licensing Setup:** Configured Microsoft Azure policies, licensing, and created dynamic groups in Azure AD.
- **Device & Application Management: D**eployed Intune configuration profiles for applications, compliance, and endpoint security; created and tested provisioning packages.
- **Collaboration Tools:** Set up OneDrive for individual files and SharePoint for team collaboration; confirmed successful file sync.
- **Security Enhancements:** Performed a security assessment, discussed improvements, and enabled 2-Factor Authentication (2FA) for all users.
- **Application & Network Migration:** Migrated QuickBooks to Azure and transferred DHCP from domain controllers to FortiGate.
- **Decommissioning: O**nce migration was confirmed successful, deactivated and offboarded physical servers.

KEY WORKFLOWS IMPLEMENTED

Cloud Migration

Moved the organization's data and systems from on-premises servers to a secure, scalable cloud environment.

User & Device Management

Configured Azure AD, dynamic groups, and Intune profiles to streamline user access, applications, and endpoint security.

Collaboration Tools

Set up OneDrive and SharePoint for seamless file storage, sharing, and team collaboration.

Enhanced Security

Enabled 2-Factor Authentication and performed security assessments to strengthen overall protection.

Results

→ Reliable, secure infrastructure

→ Maximized IT efficiency

→ Sustainable, energy-efficient technology

→ Collaboration without limits