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In March, Google released "Android Wear," a version of its operating system tailored to computerized wristwatches and other wearable devices. Although there are already several smartwatches on the market, the devices are more popular with gadget geeks and fitness fanatics than regular consumers. But Google could help change that with Android Wear. Android, after all, is already the world's most popular smartphone operating system.

At I/O, the company announced three new smartwatches running Android Wear. The LG G and the Samsung Gear Live are available on Wednesday. A third one, Motorola's Moto 360, is coming later this summer — an announcement that drew groans from the audience, which had hoped for an earlier date.

Intent on reaching the billions of people who don't have a smartphone or even Internet access, Google also unveiled an initiative called Android One, designed to help manufacturers build low-cost smartphones for emerging markets such as India.

The company also showed off features of the next version of Android, which goes by the temporary code name "Android L." It's been designed to work across all devices as long as the gadgets are running the operating system, so a user can check email on a smartwatch, answer the message on a smartphone and then delete it on a computer, for example.

Android L will also look different, include more animation, colors and a feature called "material design," which lets developers add shadows and

## Making a difference

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**The Make a Difference Day Committee from Coxsackie Correctional Facility recently donated $200 to Catskill Central School District for the McKinney-Vento Fund, which helps support the needs of homeless students in the district. From left are: Michael Maloney, Make a Difference Day Committee Chairman; Teri Van Wormer; Kate Farrell, Superintendent of Catskill Central School District; Victoria Martuscello; Michele Such-Jordan; and Kate Salvino.**

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