

# 2018 Quarter 2 Newsletter

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# 2018: An exciting start to a progress-filled year

We've spent the last few months working with our community partners to identify opportunities for collaboration and revamp our programming. We couldn't be more excited to kick the summer off with a new slate of workshops and events. There are opportunities for various levels of engagement, so keep reading to see how you, your organization, or company can get involved. Thanks for your continued support and hope to see you at one of our events!

Neel Desai Board President and Founder, Technology for Tomorrow



T4T would like to welcome our 2018 summer interns and volunteers who will help us deliver our training, as well as assisting in running the T4T office.

## Meet Our new Program Manager Bjorn Norstrom

Bjorn is a Vermont licensed K-12 educator in Educational Technology with over 15 years of technology program development and teaching experience in numerous settings. He holds a bachelor's degree in English Education and Social Studies Education, a master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language (ESL), and a post-master certificate in Information Technology. In addition, he has a variety of information technology industry certifications such as Microsoft, Certiport, and CompTIA. He is a successful grant writer, and is a past winner of the international Certiport award "Champion of Digital Literacy", for his work at Northlands Job Corps Center and Colchester Middle School. Bjorn will be leading the 2018 T4T program development and implementation, including partnership



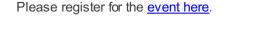
development, target audience identification, curriculum management, volunteer coordination, and much more. Keep your eye out for Bjorn at the many T4T events, and please feel free to introduce yourself and welcome him aboard.

# <u>Upcoming Summer TechTalk</u> - How to be a Good and Safe Participant in Today's Tech World, and What's This "Telehealth" I Keep Hearing About?

On Saturday, June 16th, 2018 community members will gather at the F.H. Tuttle Middle School cafeteria in South Burlington to learn about a number of relevant technology topics. Williston-based non-profit <u>Technology for Tomorrow</u> is partnering with <u>AARP of Vermont</u> and <u>The University of Vermont Health Network</u> to bring relevant and current technology information to the greater South Burlington community. Each organization will lead a 45 minute presentation followed by a Q&A session.

T4T will open by presenting information about what it means to be a *digital citizen*, and how that connects with various aspects of our life. AARP will then present information on common scams and how to protect yourself from them. Finally, The University of Vermont Health Network will provide the latest information on their Telehealth service, and how it applies to you.

Breaks will be taken between presentations, providing opportunities to talk directly to our T4T partners, and to enjoy refreshments.





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### We are working hard to bring you exciting, new programs...

Technology for Tomorrow (T4T) is in our 6th year of operation, and in recent months has taken time to focus on refining our programs to better address the needs of multiple Vermont communities. Following a few months of work behind the scenes on areas such as vision, mission, and values as well as reshaping the direction of our organization, we are now well-positioned to move forward, building on a foundation of our traditional programs and partnerships while adding a number of additional exciting programs, partnerships, and opportunities that we will be rolling through 2018 and beyond.

Our existing partnerships with several senior residential communities such as The Pines, Wake Robin, Allenwood, St. Joseph, Whitney Hill, Champlain Senior Center continue. Supporting partners for 2018 include Rice High School, AARP, Small Dog Electronics, TLC Home Care, VSAC, TechBoomers, the Center on Aging, Age Well, UVM Health Network, and more.

In addition, we are forming new and exciting local, state, and national partnerships to expand our programs and offer new opportunities. Examples include the Burlington School District Parent University, Vermont Adult Learning, Common Sense Media, and many more.

To help coordinate this growth, we are pleased to have a couple of high school summer interns join us this, and we anticipate a middle school student to assist us this summer as well.

Make sure to visit our social media channels and website as we regularly post updated information about our developments, and watch our rapidly-filling calendar of events.

We are proud of the impact that we've had on the community around us since we started our journey six years ago. We have provided free, quality technology education to thousands of Vermont residents. We have engaged over 1,000 volunteers to collectively deliver approximately 2,000 hours of work with various Vermont communities. These volunteers have allowed us to host over 200 workshops in approximately 25 community locations across more than ten Vermont towns and cities.

We graciously thank you for your support, and we look forward to unveiling our new programs throughout 2018!

Sincerely, The Technology for Tomorrow team

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## Thank you!



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