



Technology For Tomorrow

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2018 Quarter 3 Newsletter

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Message from the Program Manager

We are excited to share with you all the activities T4T has been engaged in throughout the 3rd quarter. Our team has been very busy throughout the summer. We have spent time with many types of organizations for training and meetings to decide what current and new partnerships will be most fruitful for us to engage in. We are also working on new models for providing better and more relevant services to the communities we currently collaborate with, as well as new partners. Please read more about this in the Program Updates section below.

Also, please be reminded about our [free educational seminar](#) on September 22 starting at 9.00 am at F. H. Tuttle Middle School in South Burlington in collaboration with the AARP and the UVM Health Network.

Bjorn Norstrom
Program Manager, Technology for Tomorrow

Community Impact...



Total Participants:

We provided free technology education to approximately **200 people** during quarter 3, 2018.



Volunteer Hours:

Volunteers **donated over 200 hours** during quarter 3, 2018.



T4T would like to thank our 2018 summer interns and volunteers Nirali, Justin, Harysh, Robin, and Ronja who helped us deliver our training as well as assisting in running our office.

[Upcoming Summer TechTalk - How to be a Good and Safe Participant in Today's Tech World and What's Telehealth I Keep Hearing About?](#)

On Saturday, September 22nd, 2018, community members will gather at the F.H. Tuttle Middle School cafeteria in South Burlington to learn about several relevant technology topics. T4T will partner with [AARP of Vermont](#) and [The University of Vermont Health Network](#) to bring current technology information to the greater South Burlington community. Each organization will lead a 45-minute presentation followed by a Q&A session.



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T4T will present information about digital citizenship and how it connects with various aspects of our lives. AARP will present information on common scams and how you can protect yourself. The University of Vermont Health Network will provide information on their telehealth program and how it applies to you.



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Program Updates

Quarter 3 has been very hectic for us. Several new types of collaborative partnerships and programs are underway, some completed, some just starting, and some which will begin during quarters 3 and 4. We have completed a successful summer series at the South Burlington Community Library, workshops at nearly 10 different senior citizen residencies, a workshop at the South Burlington Recreation Department, and a course for high school students at Vermont Adult Learning. We are continuing at the South Burlington Library with a fall workshop series. Looking ahead, we have signed contracts to provide technology education for both Milton and Essex Recreation Departments' after-school programs during the school year 2018-2019. We will also be providing regular technical support for the Education and Enrichment for Everyone (EEE) fall seminar series. In addition, we are working with the United States Committee on Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) and professors at both St. Michael's College and Middlebury College on technology programs for immigrants and refugees.

One of the most exciting partnerships we have begun is with the homeschool community. We are very excited to offer homeschooled students technology courses starting this October. Our October course *Animation and Game Design* is already full, so we will offer it again in December and have more requests for a spring edition. In addition to this course, we are offering this fall a *Digital Citizenship* boot camp, an *Internet Safety/Bias and Fake News* course, and an *Introduction to Programming* class for elementary school children. Due to the homeschooling community's great interest in our programs, we have created a dedicated website for them with our classes for their community: www.homeschoolingcollaboration.org.

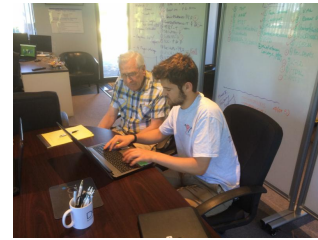
We are currently beginning to offer public technology courses for any community member to attend. Please click on [this link](#) where we list our public offerings and registration information. In October, we offer a workshop on *Internet Safety/Bias and Fake News* and in January we offer a digital literacy industry certification preparation course for the globally recognized credential *Internet and Computing Core Certification* (IC3).

In our own news, T4T has been selected once again by Hannaford grocery stores as the beneficiary of their August Reusable Shopping Bag Program, which helps generate funds for us. We have also received several generous donations from various community members, which we greatly appreciate, as they help us maintain our current programs and enable us to develop new

ones. We are also active in attending and contributing value to numerous community meetings such as Refugee & Immigrant Service Providers Networks, Adult Education Council, and Creative Workforce Solutions. Lastly, we want to give a special thank you to our friends at Dynapower, who donated several laptops and iPhones for our mobile lab, which we will be using for several programs throughout the community this fall. To augment this donation, T4T has purchased ten brand new laptops to complete our mobile lab and get it ready for all our fall classes.

Voice of an Attendee: Learning with Technology for Tomorrow

" T4T offers excellent opportunities to improve and learn new computer skills. I'm very pleased with the knowledge, kindness and willingness from these young students to help."



-Workshop Participant, South Burlington Community Library

In Closing

Technology for Tomorrow (T4T) is in our 6th year of operation and has taken time this summer to focus on refining our programs to better address the needs of various 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 with both many existing programs and partnerships as well as a number of new exciting programs, partnerships, and opportunities that we will be rolling out over time.

We have visited numerous senior residences over the summer, and based on consistent feedback, we have decided to change our service model. Instead of providing free general presentations and workshops, we will be providing 1:1 technology support for a small fee to better meet the specific needs and wants of the senior home residents.

Despite our many recent changes, our partnerships with other organizations remain strong. These include AARP, Small Dog Electronics, Dynapower, TLC Home Care, VSAC, TechBoomers, Center on Aging, UVM Health Network, and more. We have also added new partners, including Common Sense, South Burlington Community Library, Education and Enrichment for Everyone (EEE), Milton Recreation Department, Essex Recreation Department, USCRI, and more.

We could not have accomplished all this work without our summer interns, Nirali, Justin, Harysh, Robin, and Ronja, who have provided lots of assistance and spirit. We will miss them, but we also know that they will keep volunteering for us when opportunities arise.

Make sure to visit our social media channels and website as we regularly post updated information about our developments as well as our calendar of events that keeps filling up.

We are proud of the impact that we've had on the community around us since we started our work six years ago. We have provided quality technology education to more than 2,000 Vermont residents. We have engaged over 1,000 volunteers to deliver this training for a collective nearly 2,500 hours of work with various Vermont communities. These volunteers have allowed us to host over 200 workshops at approximately 25 community locations in over ten Vermont towns and cities.

We graciously thank you for your support, and we look forward to unveiling even more programs throughout 2018 and beyond!

Sincerely,
The Technology for Tomorrow team

Thank you to everyone who has donated to support our mission of technology education for all.

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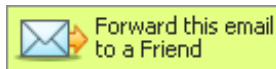
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