



# Technology For Tomorrow

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## 2020 Quarter 4 Newsletter

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### Message from the Program Manager



Greetings to all! We hope that you are all safe and healthy during this unprecedented Corona Virus outbreak. Technology for Tomorrow (T4T) has expanded our online capabilities to provide continued success in 2020 despite COVID-19. We continue to pursue expansion beyond Vermont as needs and partners are identified. Currently we have added an employee in Austin, Texas to help deploy our programs, we have begun providing online training programs in Connecticut, and have just established a partnership with Arizona State University to begin delivering training on a digital media literacy program developed by ASU. Please read on for greater details.

Thanks for your support and participation.

**Bjorn Norstrom**

### Community Impact...



#### Total Participants:

In Quarter 4, 2020, T4T provided technology education and training to 331 individuals and hosted/enabled 67 events.

#### 2020 Impact Report

In 2020, Technology for Tomorrow had a great impact on many communities and community members. Please read our [2020 Impact Report](#) for more details. We served a total of 1,452 individuals. Of those, 44% were older adults while 13% were new Americans.



### Vermont Program Updates

#### Older Adults

We provided internet safety workshops in both English and Hindi to parents and loved ones of employees at Netspend.

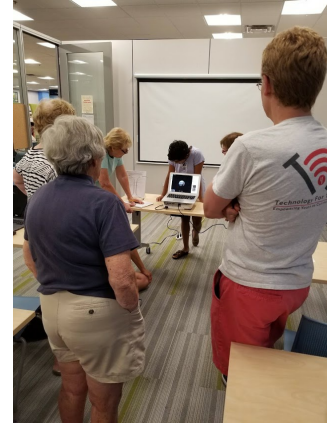
T4T and Age Well are collaborating on a program for older adults to provide iPads and remote support and training for the older adult clients to access the internet and participate in the online virtual community as well as lessen their social isolation.

We are once again providing technical support to "Education and

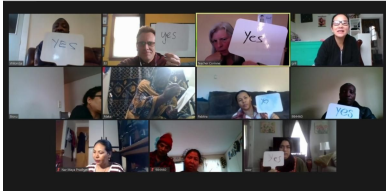
providing for Everyone" (EEE). Unlike past work centered at a physical location, we are now providing weekly lectures online as webinars where T4T assists in setting up and managing webinar content.

We provided a virtual Chromebook training session series in collaboration with the Champlain Senior Center as part of its programming for its older adults visitors.

We are partnering with the Central Vermont Council on Aging (CVCOA) to provide an iPad program for several older adults in central Vermont in order to help these individuals to break isolation and participate in the virtual worlds.



## New Americans



We are collaborating with the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) Vermont to provide a virtual program for new Americans in Vermont on how to use a Chromebook and Zoom. Thank you Mascoma Bank and Ben & Jerry's for providing funding in order to enable this opportunity for new Americans in Vermont to access technology and English education online.

## Home Education

Due to the COVID-19 situation, we ramped up our online program to provide needed opportunities for children who were left with only [home education](#) in Vermont, across the US and around the world through the teaching platform [Outschool](#).

## Workforce Development

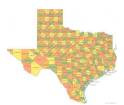
We provided online support and training for the Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators as it holds its annual conference, which is online this year. The training session focused on the Google Suite.

We provided a series of training sessions on various technologies for VocRehab and their clients focusing on how to get ready for entry level jobs requiring basic technology skills.



## Connecticut Program Updates

We collaborated with the Connecticut Healthy Living Collective and the AARP CT to provide support for a virtual webinar series for older adults in the state of Connecticut. We also provided support to the same organizations for their holiday bash in December for thousands of older adults through out Connecticut, participating online.



## Texas Program Updates

We provided internet safety workshops in both English and Hindi to parents and loved ones of employees at Netspend Corp., based in Austin.

We piloted a second chance training program in partnership with Building Promise, an Austin non-profit, to provide online workforce training to individuals currently in prison as well as formerly incarcerated individuals. The training program focuses on basic technology and job searching skills.



## Arizona Program Updates

We provided training session on how to use Zoom to various club leaders in Sun City West, a suburb of Phoenix.



We are partnering with the [Arizona State University News Co/Lab](#) to provide digital media literacy education programs for various audiences.

## General Updates

We are providing virtual event management services as part of our program offerings. Please [click here](#) for more information about that program.

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### A Word from the Board President:



As 2020 comes to an end, we hope that you and your families are staying safe during this difficult time. This year has tested the resolve of so many people and we couldn't be more grateful for those on the front lines helping those affected most by the this pandemic.

While this year didn't go as planned, our mission of providing technology education to underserved communities became even more important. Like others, we were forced to rethink our operation from the ground up and we took our programming fully online.

We continued serving senior citizens, but also expanded to new Americans communities, and students who were homeschooled due to school shut-downs. We were also able to provide the infrastructure and logistics support for a number of organizations, most notably various chapters of the AARP, to transition their own programming to be fully online. We're excited to partner with more organizations in the coming months to help host various online programming and to plan digital events.

Perhaps what we're most excited about though is that not only did we continue to work with communities all across Vermont, we kicked off programing in Austin, Texas, Sun City West, Arizona, and Connecticut!

Stay tuned for some updates on some pretty exciting corporate partnerships that we'll be announcing in early 2021. As we turn the page into another year, we're laser focused on keeping the communities we serve at the core of our work.

We're excited to partner with more organizations to continue expanding our program offerings and work with even more communities.

Lastly, we thank the countless partners, donors, and supporters for your ongoing support and encouragement. We appreciate you more than you know.

Thank you,

**Neel Desai**

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### In Closing

We hope that everyone is able to stay safe and healthy during these uncertain times. We look forward to resuming our regular services as soon as possible.

We want to thank all of our generous donors. You enable us to maintain our current programs as well as to develop new and exciting ones. If you are not yet a donor, we encourage you to learn more about us at our [web site](#), and to make a donation to our organization (below).

We also want to thank our collaborative partners that help us make our programs successful. Make sure to visit our [social media channels](#) and [website](#) as we regularly post updated information about our developments as well as our dynamic calendar of events.

We graciously thank you for your support, especially Ben & Jerry's for their grant, and we look forward to unveiling even more programs and partners throughout 2020 and beyond!

Sincerely,

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

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