

Technology For Tomorrow

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2021 Quarter 3 Newsletter

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Message from the Program Manager

Greetings, Everyone. Hope you are all keeping healthy and safe through these challenging times. Technology for Tomorrow (T4T) continues to serve our clients through the pandemic with our online classes and 1:1 tech support. This has allowed T4T to provide our older adult clients relief from social isolation and loneliness during this exceptionally unnerving time. I hope that the conditions improve in the coming months and some sense of normalcy restores. Please enjoy this newsletter and be healthy and happy.

With Warm regards,

Ranga Chilakamarri



Community Impact

In Quarter 3, 2021, T4T provided technology education and training to 63 individuals and hosted/enabled 25 events.

Every year T4T publishes an Impact Report consolidating our outreach across all quarters. Please see our <u>2020 Impact Report</u>. In 2020, we served a total of 1,452 individuals. Of those, 44% were older adults and 13% were new Americans.

Program Updates

Older Adults

In Vermont, T4T continued serving Age Well's iPad program participants through Q3 by providing them with remote support and training. This program, funded in part through an Aging Disability Resource Connections (ADRC) initiative seeks to help older adults reduce social isolation and introduce them to virtual communities.



In Q3, T4T teamed up with <u>AARP</u> <u>Connecticut</u> and <u>Arizona State University</u> <u>News Co/Lab (</u>ASU) to provide media literacy education to older adults. This was the second class of the two-workshop series.

We continue to offer FREE 90-minute online classes through Zoom twice a month for older adults on basic technology skills and related topics through Zoom. Check out our <u>Events</u> page for classes and registration information.

Workforce Development

In Vermont, we are helping Vermonters prepare for the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) certification in collaboration with <u>ReSOURCE</u> to support participants' professional goals.

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New Americans w/ Refugee background

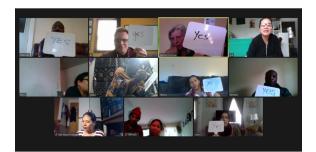
In Vermont, training for the new Americans is scheduled for Q4 of 2021, in collaboration with the <u>U.S. Committee for Refugees and</u> <u>Immigrants (USCRI)</u>.



Also in Vermont, T4T in collaboration with <u>Central Vermont Council on Aging (</u>CVCOA) continued to support the iPad program for older adults in Q3. A similar project is now in progress and will continue through Q1 2022.







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T4T and USCRI Vermont Partnership: Highlights

"Over the past two years Technology for Tomorrow (T4T) has worked closely with the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) in Vermont to provide basic digital literacy training to refugee-background adults. Using an integrated English language and digital literacy training model, T4T has contributed digital education expertise to this partnership to support newcomers to the United States in mastering basic computer skills, enabling them to access educational opportunities, attend medical appointments, and pursue employment. Digital skills became more important than ever during the Covid-19 pandemic, and T4T's partnership with USCRI Vermont was essential in supporting refugees and immigrants in making the transition to online education during this time. With T4T's support, USCRI Vermont's clients have progressed from learning to plug in and turn on a laptop to successfully navigating Zoom and accessing and responding to email. Having mastered these essential skills, students now have access to limitless online opportunities thanks to Technology for Tomorrow."

Jennifer Borch Board Member Technology for Tomorrow Text Link

In Closing

Through Q3 of 2021, we have continued to bring our offerings to our target communities in Vermont and beyond. The impacts of the pandemic are beginning to look up in many areas, and we expect that our training programs will experience increasing demand in the coming quarters.

We want to thank all of our generous donors, in particular <u>Mascoma Bank</u>, for their generous donation this quarter. If you are not yet a donor, we encourage you to learn more about us at our website. If you'd like, you can make a donation to our organization by clicking on the button below.

We also want to thank our collaborative partners that help us make all of our programs successful. We encourage you to visit our social media channels and website, as we regularly post updated information about our services as well as our dynamic calendar of events.

Sincerely,

The T4T team

Donate to our Cause

Note: 100% of your donation contributes to our efforts of making the greatest impact on the people and causes we support. We are a public charity; your tax-deductible donation, large or small, will make a difference.

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Thank you!

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