



Technology For Tomorrow

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2023 Quarter 1 Newsletter

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Welcome Message

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the Newsletter for Quarter 1 of 2023, which highlights the accomplishments, program updates, and events of Technology for Tomorrow (T4T). Our team has been fully engaged in serving our community partners with a wide range of technology topics, including standalone, drop-in, special topics, and Spring Series sessions.

The subsequent sections of this newsletter provide detailed information about these activities. Thanks to the 2022 Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation grant funding, we were able to launch a free 30-class series for our existing and new partner organizations, and we are happy to report that the classes are progressing smoothly.

Please view our interview on Comcast Newsmakers on how T4T helps close the digital divide and help older adults live a more comfortable digital life. From T4T, Executive Director, Vijay Desai and Program Manager, Ranga Chilakamarri participate.

<https://comcastnewsmakers.com/Videos/2023/4/6/Bridging-The-Technology-Gap-For-Senior-Citizens-And-New-Americans>

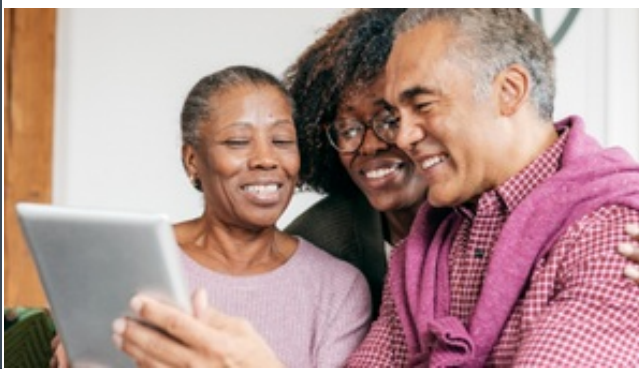
I am also excited to report that T4T received funds from SLFRF to provide digital literacy training in partnership with Vermont Adult Learning for the City of Burlington residents.

We are incredibly grateful, hopeful, and excited about the coming quarters. We appreciate all the support that we have received to further our mission, which is invaluable to us. Warmest wishes to you all.

Sincerely,

Ranga Chilakamarri, Program Manager

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Community Impact

In Quarter 1, 2023, T4T provided technology education and training to 738 individuals through 48 events, our highest in a quarter so far.

In 2022, we proudly served 690 individuals, including 306 older adults and 180 New Americans. Read about this and more from

Partner Testimonials



"Technology for Tomorrow (T4T) is a longstanding partner of [Associates for Training and Development \(A4TD\)](#). T4T provides digital literacy instruction for participants who are enrolled in our workforce development projects. Vijay and his team are professional, respectful, and a pleasure to work with. The T4T trainers are patient and responsive to our participant's challenges and needs, and their instructional approach is welcoming, relatable, and effective. After completing a T4T class, one of our participants stated: "Ranga's class was both informative and fun. He is a natural born teacher and I can honestly say I was sad when the class ended. I would gladly take any class he presents in the future and consider it a gift". We look forward to working with T4T on future projects."

Rick Bugbee, PMP
Vice President of Programs



"Partnering with Technology for Tomorrow (T4T) has been a vital component of our Lifelong Learning Program here at [Wake Robin](#) Lifecare Community for almost a decade. Working with various T4T offerings to educate our residents on successful navigation of the ever-changing world of technology, we have seen an increase in confidence, as well as a reduction in stress related to technology. T4T's thoughtful and comprehensive programs geared toward older adults offer an opportunity for a deep dive into areas that empower our residents to try new things, leading to stronger and more easeful connections with family and friends, and a more organized approach to managing the essentials of daily living. The instructors are highly knowledgeable and attentive, fantastic to collaborate with, and able to deftly navigate offering support to the group as well as individual coaching. Our residents complete the classes with a stronger feeling of well-being and safety related to engaging with the exciting opportunities offered in our digital world."

Jena Necrason,
Program and Events Manager

Program & Partnership Updates

Enhancing Social Connection Through Arts & Technology at CVCOA

During Q1, T4T partnered with [CVCOA](#) to offer technology training classes on client-defined topics and facilitate drop-in sessions. These drop-in sessions provided one-on-one support from T4T staff to address various technology-related queries. The training classes included topics like using Google Maps effectively, digitizing artwork with the Photoscan App, and creating personal music playlists. Participants found the classes to be



engaging and informative. T4T remains dedicated to making technology accessible to all, regardless of age or ability, through partnerships like this one.



AARP VT & T4T: Winter/Spring Technology Class Series

This quarter, [AARP VT](#) & T4T: Winter/Spring Technology Class Series was initiated by T4T. The 16-class series delves into various topics and has been received well by enthusiastic participants. The classes will continue to run through May.

Digital Learning Series: AALV, VWW & T4T

This quarter, T4T's partnership with [Vermont Works for Women](#) (VWW) and [Association of Africans Living in Vermont](#) (AALV) completed a successful Digital Learning Series. The series ran through 24 classes on Thursdays and Fridays from December 2022 to March 2023, and received positive feedback from enthusiastic participants. The participants have expressed their desire for more classes, which is a testament to the effectiveness and impact of the program.

DIGITAL LEARNING SERIES



Grant Updates

Exciting New Grant Announcement!

We are thrilled to announce that T4T has been awarded funds from the [Corona Virus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds](#) (SLFRF) under the [American Rescue Plan Act](#) (ARPA) to deliver our digital literacy training programs in partnership with [Vermont Adult Learning](#) (VAL). This partnership allows us to extend our services to the residents of the [City of Burlington](#) and equip them with valuable digital skills needed in today's fast-paced world. We are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to making a meaningful impact in the community.



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Update on the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation Project Innovation Grant

Thanks to the 2022 [Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation Project Innovation Grant](#), we were able to offer 30 classes free of charge to our partners at [CVCOA](#), [AARP VT](#), [South Burlington Public Library](#), [Montpelier Senior Activity Center](#), [Cathedral Square](#), and [A4TD](#). Our partners had the flexibility to choose from a variety of classes, dates, and times that worked best for them. During the program, we collect valuable data by asking participants to complete an information sheet and administering knowledge checks. The sessions are in progress.

From Member of our Board of Directors



As we wrap up the first quarter of 2023, we have the privilege of looking both backwards at last year and forward to the rest of this year.

Last year saw our most successful year yet, in practically every metric. We earned, and raised, more money to support our efforts. We offered more classes to more clients than ever before and as a result, we were able to help significantly more people become more technically capable. Looking forward, we continue to work with long-time partners like AARP, and we continue to expand our relationship with new partners like the Fletcher Free Library.

As an organization, we continue to look for ways to serve our local communities, as well as those farther afield. We know that in the greater scheme of things, we are still a small organization. But we are an effective organization, nonetheless. We look forward to the rest of 2023 with excitement about new opportunities, new communities, and your continued support.

Thank you in helping us make a difference in many lives. Technology has always held the promise of doing good in the world. We're excited to play a role in that promise!

Join [us](#) in making a difference!

Scot Barker,
Board Member

Calendar of Events - Join us!

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