



# Technology for Tomorrow

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Technology Education  
A non-profit 501(c)(3) organization

## Quarterly Newsletter

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### Welcome Message



Hello and welcome! I am honored and ecstatic to share our final quarterly report of 2023 with you. Our team has been hard at work this year working with communities and individuals across the country. I'd like to share what we've been able to accomplish over the last year.

For the first time in the history of Technology for Tomorrow, we worked with people from every single state in the United States! We're incredibly excited by this achievement and will continue to do everything in our power to continue serving communities, regardless of their geography.

After a roundtable discussion with leadership from Microsoft and a lot of work behind the scenes, we've officially joined the Microsoft TechSpark Fellowship. With this partnership, we have started a 20-class series that includes courses on Digital Literacy and Artificial Intelligence. We hope to bridge the digital divide and offer a new understanding to such an impactful technological development.

As our journey toward a brighter and clearer future continues, Maliki LaForce, and I have joined the T4T team. We are both well-versed in software development and business administration. We have backgrounds in technology and stakeholder management as well. We're immensely excited to get to work!

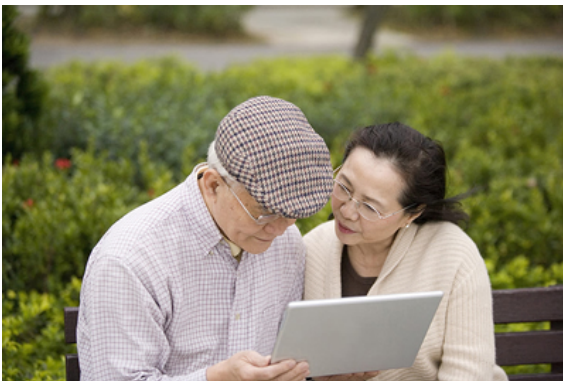
The specifics of our year, including new partnerships, testimonials from our clients, and our financial disclosure are in our 2023 Impact Report, under the Community Impact section.

We wish you the best in 2024, and we look forward to the opportunities this new year brings.

Sincerely,

**Damien Royer, Program Manager**

## Community Impact



We are proud to present the 2023 Impact Report, which you can view below.

In 2023, we served more than 2,000 students across the entirety of the United States of America. We look forward to connecting with more people in 2024.

[Our 2023 Impact Report](#)

## Partners Testimonials



We cannot thank T4T enough for all that they do for job seekers in our community! We worked closely with Vijay [Desai], Becky [Holt], and Maliki [LaForce] to set up and run a six-week computer class that teaches Microsoft Office at an intermediary level. Becky and Maliki are not only amazing at what they do, but they are kind, caring, and understanding. They create an open, warm, and inviting environment for our job seekers to learn in! For many people we are supporting, they have not



As the Manager of the BSD Parent University Program, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Vijay Desai and staff at Technology for Tomorrow. T4T was able to provide an excellent series of classes to help train participants in our program, as well as my staff, on the use of Google Suite. Parent University participants come from many different countries and speak many different languages. Our instructor, Maliki LaForce, worked exceptionally well with our group and was adept at

worked in years. For them to come to a class like this is important and often their first step in getting back to work! We highly recommend T4T to anybody.

**Katie Coe,**  
*Business Account Manager*

maintaining a steady, orderly pace of instruction. He prepared excellent visual materials, live demonstrations of the material, a review of the material and an opportunity for Q and A . He was unphased by the breaks that were needed for the interpreters to relay the information to the learners and for them to ask questions in return. Vijay Desai, Maliki LaForce and all of the staff that I have met have been, not only exceptionally knowledgeable and professional but personable as well. I look forward to working with Technology for Tomorrow again in the very near future.

**Denise Torrey,**  
*Manager*

## Program & Partnership Updates



### Microsoft TechSpark Fellowship & Roundtable Conversation

Microsoft invited us to be a part of their TechSpark program, which seeks to promote digital skills and employability, increase broadband access, and help local organizations thrive. We are now a proud TechSpark fellow.

In January, we began a 20-class series with two cohorts: The first group is focused on digital literacy, and the second group is focused on Artificial Intelligence.

We hosted a Roundtable Conversation with Vermont nonprofit and state leaders in December. Guests joined us from Microsoft, Associates for Training and Development, State Sen. Kesha Ram Hinsdale, Vermont Community Broadband, AARP Vermont, Wake Robin, Central Vermont Council of Aging, Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity, Vermont Adult Learning, and many more. This event helped strengthen connections and set Technology for Tomorrow up for success in 2024.

## Senior Planet Licensing

We are proud to announce that two of our technology trainers, Becky Holt and Maliki LaForce, alongside our Executive Director Vijay Desai, have been licensed through AARP's SeniorPlanet program. This has given us access to their curated lecture-based classes and resources.

With their materials, we hope to provide classes to many different audiences here in Vermont. Their bountiful library of lectures, including lessons on Internet of Things, TikTok, and many more, will increase efficiency and quality of our instruction in the coming year.

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### Mature Worker Workforce Program with A4TD

We kicked off our Mature Worker Workforce Program, in collaboration with Associates for Training & Development, in November. The project consists of nine cohorts of 10 individuals each. Participants are all looking to re-enter the workforce. Each cohort will take 12 classes, covering aspects of Microsoft 365, Google Workspace, and general digital literacy topics, including smartphones, computers, scam identification, and Zoom. This is one of our largest projects at Technology for Tomorrow, providing 108 total classes.

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## Grant Updates



### Update on the Comcast NBCUniversal Foundation Project Innovation Grant

A generous grant from Comcast NBCUniversal in 2023 expanded our reach and deepened our community impact. Their support enabled us to offer seven free classes this year with an exciting lineup of additional classes scheduled for 2024. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Comcast NBCUniversal for their commitment to advancing digital literacy and education in our community.

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## From our Executive Director



I am pleased to present our first newsletter in 2024 for our non-profit organization. We are dedicated to closing the digital divide and promoting digital equity in Vermont. In 2023, we made significant strides towards achieving our mission as summarized in the Impact Report, and we are excited to continue our successful programs in 2024.

One of our most notable achievements in 2023 was the development of a comprehensive Digital Skilling Plan for Vermonters. The plan aims to ensure that all Vermonters have access to high-quality, affordable technology resources, regardless of their identity, community, or economic challenges. We are proud to report that the plan has been well-received by the community, and we have received positive feedback from stakeholders across the state.

In addition to the Digital Skilling Plan, we also launched several successful programs in 2023 to promote digital equity in Vermont. We worked with community organizations to offer digital literacy classes and training sessions for seniors and other underrepresented groups. Looking forward to 2024, we plan to build on our successes from last year and continue to expand our programs and initiatives. We are currently exploring new partnerships with local businesses and organizations to provide additional resources and support for our mission. We also are working to develop new programs to address emerging issues related to digital equity, such as cybersecurity and data privacy.

We are excited about the progress we have made so far, and we are committed to continuing our work to close the digital divide and promote digital equity in Vermont. Thank you for your continued support of our organization.

Sincerely,

**Vijay Desai, Executive Director**

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