Technology For Tomorrow

Empowering Youth to Connect Communities

a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

We provide education free of charge to underserved communities to empower members of underserved communities through technology to more effectively communicate with family and friends, strengthening community engagement.

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Who We Are

Technology for Tomorrow is a 501c3 organization started in 2012 by high school student leaders from South Burlington, Vermont, under the leadership of Founder, Neel Desai, a sophomore, while a participant in the Youth Leadership Program. Since our founding in 2012, we have evolved our mission and programs to focus on connecting high school and college student volunteers and volunteering professionals with underserved communities across Vermont to provide free technology education.

It is our mission to empower young leaders, serve the underserved, and make communities more vibrant and inclusive through technology. Since our founding, Technology for Tomorrow has focused on making a tangible and scalable impact in our surrounding community.

> "When you've been given a chance... to make someone's life better, to show them a new way of thinking, to show them all that they can do...there's nothing quite like it."
> –Student Volunteer, South Burlington

> "[The students] are fun to be with, and they don't make us feel at all stupid. This is so special...to be connected with young people is a great gift."
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> -Senior Participant, Shelburne

Our Schools-to-Seniors program can be extended across the State of Vermont and beyond.

How Volunteers Will Benefit

T4T invites high school students, college students, and area professionals to volunteer with us. Volunteers will find our programs mutually beneficial due to our focus on personal development through volunteerism.

- Community engagement with real impact--for volunteers who are involved with our programs, volunteering is not simply something done to fulfill a requirement, it's a chance to make a meaningful impact on their own friends and neighbors while experiencing the fulfillment that comes from service.
- Development of communication skills—by being given an opportunity to teach and lead, our volunteers will develop and improve their communication skills in a way they may not in a traditional classroom or work setting. These skills include: public speaking, creative and lateral thinking, and intergenerational/inter-cultural communication.
- Eligibility for T4T's Scholarship--every high school that starts and maintains an active T4T chapter will become eligible to receive annual scholarships
- Connection with fellow student leaders and membership in the T4T alumni network--students not only learn from each other's experiences coordinating workshops, they also build friendships and relationships which last through college and may evolve into professional relationships.

How We Serve the Community

By participating in T4T workshops, senior citizens and other underserved groups will learn to:

- Connect with family and friends over long distances-- the number one motivation shared by senior citizens who sign up for our workshops is to utilize modern technologies to better connect with family and friends. By receiving hands-on instruction for new devices, apps, and social media tools, senior citizens' quality of life increases significantly.

- Stay engaged with local community events and government-- through tools such as Front Porch Forum and Channel 17 Town Meeting Television, senior citizens--especially those with mobility issues--are able to stay up to date on local politics and fully utilize electronic tools to actively participate in their community.

- Build workforce applicable skills-- with the ability to perform basic computer tasks and an increased familiarity with new devices, programs, and applications, senior citizens who volunteer or work with local nonprofit organizations, faith-based groups, and in schools are better equipped to make an impact with the causes that mean the most to them.

In addition to individual benefits, every senior residential home or community center that partners with our organization will be eligible to receive a one-time hardware donation (up to $500) from T4T to best serve the needs of that senior population, whether it be desktop computers, laptops, tablet devices, WiFi routers, or valuable software to ensure the impact of our programs outlasts individual workshops.

"I have more confidence communicating with my child's school and I didn't know much about technology, but now I can even download an app."
-Fatuma Niyukuri Hessein, Workshop Participant

Who benefits from workshops?

⇒ Senior Citizens
⇒ New Americans & Refugees
⇒ ESL Learners (English as a Second Language)
⇒ Developmentally Disabled Individuals
⇒ Returning Offenders
⇒ Other underserved community groups
⇒ Volunteers

How can you get involved?

⇒ Start or join a T4T chapter in your school or neighborhood.
⇒ Volunteer with us during a workshop or public event.
⇒ Become an instructor for upcoming events.
⇒ Intern with us. We offer many opportunities for dedicated students.

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