



April 2019

### Community Tech Network Celebrates Volunteers!



It's National Volunteer Week, a time to recognize volunteers from all over the country who dedicate their time to a chosen cause that benefits their community. From developing strategy on our board to computer tutor assistants, CTN has had thousands of people help in some way over the years. Volunteers like **Paolo Cassinari**, **Brenna Carrick**, **Chuck Linton**, **Tim Hazen**, the **Corporate Team @ Google Fiber**, and **Kate Puckett**.

### Learner Spotlight: Bessie Hawkins



A staple of the North Loop Apartments community, Bessie Hawkins (shown here in the back left corner) brought an unmatched energy to her [Connect @ Home](#) tablet class. Each day, Bessie greeted her trainer and her fellow students with cheer. The room would fill with smiles as she strolled in, always wearing an elegant gown or sophisticated pantsuit for class. Her personality was evident in each lesson - Bessie learned how to record a unique voicemail that spread the gospel as well as let dialers know to leave their name and number after the tone. When it came to creating strong passwords, Bessie offered to recite a Langston Hughes poem from heart - just to give everyone a little inspiration.

**Read more about Bessie on the CTN blog.**

### Another Great Year at NTC and Net Inclusion!



During NTC, Kami Griffiths spoke on the panel for **Different Flavors of Digital Inclusion Programming** and CTN Program Manager Eric Babb spoke on **Developing a Virtual Training Program**.

During Net Inclusion, Austin Program Director, Jessica Looney moderated a session on **Digital Inclusion for People with Disabilities** and Kami Griffiths spoke on **Diversifying Fundraising Efforts**. Read more about the Net Inclusion (and Kami's favorite) conference of the year **on the CTN blog**.

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### Digital Leader Awards Accepting Nominations

We are now accepting nominations for Community Tech Network's 4th Annual Digital Leaders Awards. The awards will be given in person at our celebration event hosted by Twitter at their headquarters on June 26, 2019. The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2019. **Make your nominations now!**

# DIGITAL LEADERS AWARDS 2019

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The CTN Digital Leader Awards will be held on **June 26th, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
@ **Twitter** 1355 Market Street, Ste. 900, San Francisco

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### Save the Date! May is Older Americans Month



Every May, the **Administration for Community Living** leads our nation's observance of Older Americans Month. The 2019 theme Connect, Create, Contribute, encourages older adults and their communities to:

- Connect with friends, family, and services that support participation.
- Create by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment.
- Contribute time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

**Read about CTN's work and involvement to celebrate the month on our blog.**

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