

**August 2018**

**Microsoft Delivers Unique Opportunities to Central Texas residents**



Microsoft is dedicated to employee engagement. The company matches employee donations of time and money to nonprofit organizations. This month Microsoft provided CTN central Texas learners with two unique training opportunities. **[Read about Microsoft's commitment to digital literacy training on the CTN blog.](#)**

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**Breakfast, Brag and Borrow: A Summer Recap**



As might be expected in a month filled with momentous graduations, transitions from school to summer schedules, our June meeting hosted by Tenderloin Tech Lab was smaller than usual. Attendees were dedicated regulars: Tenderloin Tech Lab (TTL), The Women's Building, Tech in the Tenderloin, and UCSF Zuckerberg SF General Hospital. We took this opportunity to dive deeper into the shared challenge of gaining participation in the spectrum of amazing programs we offer. [Read more about the event on the CTN blog.](#)

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### **Learner Spotlight: Deirdre Leban**



*“Learning is free but you’ve got to want it. Your mind has to want change.”* This is Deirdre Leban's motto. Since October of 2017, CTN has provided 10 months of training to a group of learners through Austin Pathways’ (an arm of the Housing Authority of the City of Austin or HACA) Lab Apprenticeship Program (LAP). Deirdre was one of 19 chosen applicants and works in the Meadowbrook lab in south Austin. [Read about Deirdre on the CTN blog.](#)

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### **Next Steps for Ready, Set, Connect!**



In 2013 CTN launched a new initiative in partnership with the Oakland Public

Library (OPL) to train youth to help library patrons improve their digital skills. We called it Ready, Set, Connect (RSC) and now the program transition entirely to OPL. [Read about the six successful years of Ready, Set, Connect on the CTN blog.](#)

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### **A Fond Farewell from CTN Program Manager Joanna Bell**



*“It’s always hard to say goodbye but it’s especially difficult when it involves leaving an organization as wonderful as CTN.”* Joanna Bell’s last day at CTN is August 16th. [Read Joanna Bell’s experience working with CTN on our blog.](#)

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