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## KAMI GRIFFITHS HOSTS WEBINAR DURING DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK

### CONNECTING THE UNCONNECTED: PROGRAMMING IN THE AGE OF COVID-19

KAMI GRIFFITHS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CO-FOUNDER



CTN's executive director Kami Griffiths hosted a webinar to kick off Digital Inclusion Week in Austin. This is a week dedicated to raising awareness of solutions addressing access to home internet and personal devices as well as local technology training and support. Take a few minutes [to learn more](#) about this important program and what participants came away with.

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA ENCORE PROGRAM

# Encore Fellowships

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Over the past two years, CTN has proudly participated in the San Francisco Bay Area Encore Fellows™ Program. This unique opportunity matches highly skilled, experienced professionals approaching retirement with social sector organizations in need of capacity building. [Read more](#) about the three amazing professionals who have helped CTN grow and mature.

## NEW PARTNER: SEQUOIA LIVING



CTN is pleased to announce a new training partnership with Sequoia Living, a San Francisco organization that provides a stimulating living environment for older adults as well as services that support and enrich their lives. The remote training will be conducted for residents of the two locations of the San Francisco Senior Center (SFSC), **a program of Sequoia Living.**

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## **MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**



In 2017, the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development (MOHCD) funded the initial programs addressing the digital divide in various housing sites in the community. CTN was an early digital literacy training partner in this effort and continues to support the initiative. **Learn more about** how this valuable partnership impacts older adults now isolated due to COVID.

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# CTN LEARNER SPOTLIGHTS

The following stories are from seniors who have completed one of our training programs:

- **Manalo Sandoval:** Manalo was unaccustomed to being socially isolated when the pandemic hit. After retiring in 2002, he has remained active in his community for all the 18 years he has lived in San Francisco. Born in Mexico City, Manolo worked as an aviation mechanic and as an executive with PEMEX, Mexico's state-owned petroleum company. **Read more** about his digital literacy journey.
- **Bonnie and Carlos Perez:** "We love seeing our friends again on Zoom. We use our tablet to order medicine refills, so we no longer have to go to Kaiser and expose ourselves to infection while waiting for the medicine to be ready." Read about their new life in a digital world with our first Home Connect married couple, **Bonnie and Carlos**. It's nice to have someone to help you with your homework.
- **Zhi Zhen:** Zhi Zhen was so proud when she was able to answer "yes, I can" when her doctor asked her if she could use a telemedicine app for her appointment! She watches constructive news and thoughtful programs that foster peace and promote healthy living. **Follow Zhi Zhen's story** to see how else her life has changed with new tablet and CTN's Home Connect training.
- **Kam Yuk Woo:** Life has come full circle for Kam Yuk, who dropped out of junior high school in Guangzhou, China, to work in an automobile factory. After work, she would help older illiterate workers to read and write, starting with how to write their names. Now Kam Yuk's life has been impacted because someone cared to help her. **Check out her inspiring story.**

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: KRISTA MARQUEZ



**Krista is about to graduate from college and plans to become an educator.** She says working with an isolated older adult learner has taught her a lot and has confirmed that she made the right career choice. **Learn more** about how volunteering to help older adults through CTN's Home Connect is rewarding, convenient, and life-changing for both the teacher and the student.

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT: JANELL Q. MATEO RIVAS



“I love my job and I love CTN. Before I came to CTN, I worked as a case manager for a law firm. My day would be spent on the phone with clients facing workers’ comp issues. I only encountered voices on the phone and never experienced the satisfaction of knowing whether I really made a difference for them.” **Read about** how she is making a difference now.

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