

COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY network news

Transforming lives through digital literacy.

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CTN Turns 10 and launches a new brand!



Community Technology Network turns 10 on March 3, 2018 and has many accomplishments to show for the decade of service. Under the leadership of Executive Director Kami Griffiths the organization that began with one volunteer (her) and one partner (Valencia Gardens) has expanded to 8 full-time and 5 part-time employees, 22 partners that represent over 50 locations, expansion to a new city (Austin), 608 volunteers and over 74,000 training sessions. [Read more about CTN's anniversary and brand on our blog.](#)

Volunteer Spotlight: Vern at Excelsior



During CTN's 2017 Volunteer Appreciation Awards, Vern was awarded the title of "Marathon Man," for dedicating 5 years and counting, to assist computer learners with CTN. Vern chuckles and states that this is simply a sign of his ever-growing grey hairs. Yet, every Monday afternoon he can be found at Excelsior Center forming relationships with new learners. [Read Vern's story on the CTN blog.](#)

January's Brag and Borrow recap



For the January Breakfast, Brag, and Borrow, longtime attendee Neg Raggett hosted at the [Zuckerberg SF General Library](#). It was a great opportunity to hear more about the work that they do! Despite the rain, a large group turned out. [Read more about January's session on the CTN blog.](#)

Bridging the Gap event distributes devices to low-income families in Austin



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Mobile Beacon & PCs for People

PCs for People partners with the **Mobile Beacon** and the **City of Austin Digital Inclusion Program** to provide free computers to low-income individuals that need access to a home computer. CTN will provide on-site basic literacy skills training and ongoing support to recipients of the devices. [Read about the Bridging the Gap program on the blog.](#)

Save the Date - 2018 Digital Leadership Awards



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May 9th, 6:30-8:30pm
Twitter HQ, San Francisco



2017 Award Winners

We're excited to announce the 3rd annual Digital Leaders Awards! Our wonderful partners at Twitter will be hosting us again at their HQ in San Francisco the evening of May 9th. [Read about the various Leadership categories on the CTN Blog.](#)

Net Inclusion Summit 2018

The next **Net Inclusion Summit** is happening on April 17-19 in Cleveland, Ohio. For anyone who cares deeply about helping their community members access the internet and gain critical technology skills, this is the conference for you! In its third year and organized by the **National Digital Inclusion Alliance** (NDIA), Net Inclusion brings together people from across the country who have great ideas on how to close the digital divide. [Read more about this year's Summit on the CTN blog.](#)

