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**Partnership with Twitter Provides Support for Parents**

We wrapped up another year of programming with Twitter and their community partners. [Here's a link to an update on the digital literacy training we're providing for parents to advance their digital skills.](#) Twitter also provided us a matching grant which helped us raise over $3k in a recent fundraising appeal!

**Goldman Sachs and TechWomen Volunteer at Events**

October was a month of special events engaging volunteers. Employees of Goldman Sachs worked with seniors at Downtown Senior Center for a “Bring Your Own Device” training. Seniors asked questions about their own phones, tablets, or computers. [Read more about Goldman Sachs Tech Teach-in on our blog.](#) A few weeks later, volunteers from the TechWomen program came out to Dr. George W. Davis Senior Center to provide technology tutoring and support to the staff and clients there. TechWomen is an initiative of the U.S. State Department that brings women from around the world to the Bay Area for a five-week exchange and mentorship program. [Read more about the TechWomen Volunteer in Bayview.](#)
Perdue University did a nice job developing an interactive map reporting on the nation’s digital divide and believe that it is “the number one threat to community economic development in the 21st century”. Public policy 101 argues that a problem needs to be defined before exploring potential solutions.” Use this link to view your county.

Learner Spotlight: Robert Boyd

From a challenging past of unhealthy living, Robert Boyd, also known as International Red, now shares his story to benefit his community -- attending CTN’s downtown computer lab Robert learned social media tools which eventually led to hosting his own Bay Area TV show. Read Robert’s full story on the CTN blog.

CTN Kicks Off in Austin, Texas!
Community Technology Network is expanding and what better place to grow to than in Texas—where everything is said to be bigger and better? CTN decided to broaden its reach to another tech hub-- Austin, since the need exists in both cities for the service we provide (train the trainer, curriculum development, staff capacity building and evaluation) specifically to address the basic digital literacy needs in the community. Read more about CTN's expansion to Austin on our blog.

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