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Transforming lives through digital literacy

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Trainer Spotlight: Margaret Abdilova



Since graduating from high school, Margaret Abdilova saw that her future was in technology. She joined CTN in 2016 as a volunteer for our Digital Literacy Corps and now is a paid instructor at El Bethel Terrace, a senior apartment complex in San Francisco. Thrilled with teaching, Margaret says “In my classes, it’s not about building job search skills, it’s about life enrichment.” [Read Margaret’s full story here.](#)

Learner Spotlight: John Gambaccini



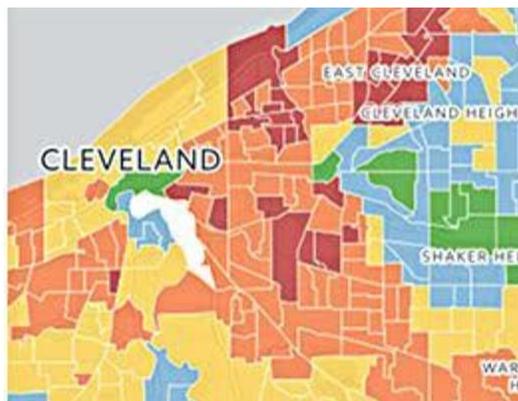
John had a stroke more than thirty years ago leaving his dominant arm paralyzed. He started working to improve his computer aptitude through a free course on basic computer applications. “Following the stroke, I was thinking ‘what are my options here?’ Having access to a computer, and knowing how to use it is like getting my driving license - but better”. [Read John’s full story here.](#)

Partner Spotlight: Internet Essentials



Comcast's Internet Essentials continues its success in being the top national program offering broadband for low-income customers. CTN is excited to continue partnering with Comcast to offer the necessary training support to prepare those new customers with the skills they need to be successful online. [Read more about our recent sign-up event and Internet Essentials here.](#)

National Digital Inclusion Alliance (NDIA) Report & Map



This week NDIA released a report titled "Informing Strategic Investment in Digital Equality: Cleveland/Cuyahoga County". The report includes newly generated local data and resource mapping, examples of national programs (including CTN), and specific recommendations. While the report was created specifically for the Cleveland area it has useful guidance for any community. [Peruse the report, and explore a related interactive map here.](#)

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