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# Connecting2Tomorrow, Inc. Newsletter

"EMPOWERING BRIGHTER FUTURES"

#### Mentoring Partnership

C2T is proud to announce our affiliation with the Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern Pennsylvania Striving for Excellence Network.



C2T's mentoring program offers interactive group discussions specifically designed for teens and young adults ages 14 and older and include topics like financial management, leadership, team building, etiquette, and work ethics. Mentoring groups of two to four students meet twice a month for a 9 month commitment. The program is also designed to supplement already existing larger groups of six or more. If you have a group that is interested, please contact us for details.

#### **Recruiting New Mentors**

At C<sub>2</sub>T, mentoring is more than an adult teaching something or lecturing to a young person. It is a rewarding experience in which two people form a bond; help each other; teach, support, and guide each other; and impact each other's lives. Participating teens and young adults want to be heard, to share



their stories, and to know someone who cares is listening. If you are interested in becoming a C<sub>2</sub>T Mentor, please call 724-431-6025 or visit our

website for additional details.

#### **New Logo and Website**

C2T has recently gone through a bit of a facelift. We thank Rebecca Reed for



volunteering her time, talent and professionalism in providing C<sub>2</sub>T a new logo, website, brochures and fliers. Please visit our new website at

www.connecting2tomorrow.org

#### WWW.CONNECTING2TOMORROW.ORG

#### **Program Updates**

2014 is off to a great start. We continue to provide our mentoring services to the students in the PAR program in the Butler School District and to the teens of Specialty Outreach Services. We also were invited to present a session on work ethics to the students at Mars Home for Youth, which was sponsored by the GFWC Junior Women's Club of Butler.

We congratulate our first three graduates of our *Worked UP!* Program. These students are now beginning their first jobs with our partner **Friedman's Freshmarkets**.

#### Here is what C2T Mentees are saying:

"Everything touched every aspect of work ethic and interviewing."

"My mentor is a great speaker and provides a lot of information."

"I got the job and impressed them with my interviewing skills, thanks C2T!"

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#### **Board of Directors**



#### Welcome Kirk Keys our newest Board Member!

Anthony Stagno, President
Al Lane, Vice President
Fred M. Vero, Treasurer
Ernie Francestine, Secretary
Kevin Finley
Judy Zarnick
LuAnn Byrnes
Michele Miller
Josh Taylor
Carol Reed
Deanna Miller
Kirk Keys
Cole Miller, Student Member
Josh Croup, Student Member
Emily Scott, Student Member

#### Organizational Staff

Michael Liebler, Founder/Executive Director Rita Lane, Volunteer Fundraising Coordinator Patrick Hammonds, Esquire

#### **Board of Director Updates**

Our Board of Directors and Organizational Staff have been working very hard on increasing C2T's visibility in the community by attending events, participating and presenting to other community organizations and networking with clubs and local businesses. The Board has been also actively involved with planning our Annual "Dinner & a Show" fundraiser scheduled for May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Board's first priority is to the mentoring program where they provide a great deal of time, talent and efforts to enhance the safety and curriculum of the interactive group sessions.





# Second Annual "Dinner & a Show" Event

Featuring the: North Start Kids and their "Sprit of Broadway!" Performance



Buffet Dinner featuring cuisine from Mary's of New Castle, PA

When: Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>
Dinner served from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Show starts at 7:30 PM

Where: CrossFire Campus Corner of Route 8 and Mercer Road 1802 North Main Street Ext. Butler, PA 16001

Cost: \$25.00 Per Person

#### For Tickets:

Call 724-431-6025 or online at: <a href="http://cztevent.eventbrite.com">http://cztevent.eventbrite.com</a>

#### Be A C<sub>2</sub>T VIP!

C2T now offers
The VIP Book
offering over
\$2000 worth of
savings with
Butler County Merchants. These make a great
gift and C2T earns \$10 for each book sold.

### Shop Amazon & Support C2T

Shop Amazon.com through C2T's portal. There are no extra charges or hidden fees! Amazon offers C2T a sn



Amazon offers C<sub>2</sub>T a small incentive for "referring" you to it's site!

## Volunteer! We can't do it without you!

C2T has an overall goal to offer youth the skills and resources they need to succeed and reach their full potentials. This endeavor is quite a challenge, and we need YOUR help to achieve this! By volunteering, becoming a mentor, or sponsoring our program, you are helping the youth of our community make better choices for themselves.

You can make a difference in the life of a local teen by empowering his/her future through volunteering!

Call today: 724-431-6025

#### WHY MENTOR?



#### **Sponsors**

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, it is our generous sponsors that have helped us fund the successful program that it is today! All donations are tax dedictible as allowed by federal law. Sponsoring C2T will enable teens and young adults to participate in a free mentoring program designed to help them build a better future for themselves.

We graciously accept monetary donations on our website via PayPal (no account required), or by personal check.

Checks may be mailed to: Connecting2Tomorrow, Inc. P.O. Box 1884 Butler, PA 16003-1884

Thank you for your support and generosity!

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www.connecting2tomorrow.org
Or Email us:

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Or Call us: 724-431-6025