



## THE EDGE

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# Connecting2Tomorrow, Inc. Newsletter

"SKILLS TAUGHT TODAY CONNECT US TO A BETTER TOMORROW"

Welcome to Connecting2Tomorrow's second edition newsletter.

**Results of First Workshop:** We congratulate the first graduating class of "Teen Life Coaching Skills for Success." The workshop series was held with Specialty Outreach Services at the Cubs Hall and completed on May 3, 2012. The response and participation from the participants exceeded our expectations. A BIG thank you to our facilitators Jessica Iovanella, Mary Jo Grinder and Ben Kihumbu for a job well done!

**What's Next?** We will be offering two additional workshops this fall: Banking, Budgeting & Money and Work Ethics. "Teen Life" workshops will expand to be seven weeks and include a team project as well as an onsite Community Service project with a local organization.

We look forward to our newest partnership with Glade Run Lutheran Services. We will hold two workshop series this fall at their facility.

## Preventing Childhood Obesity:

**Move to the Groove** is an award-winning dance fitness program that makes exercise less like gym class and more like a playground. Created by Rhex Arboleda, a music teacher from Neenah, Wisconsin, the program targets childhood obesity and is actively being used in several elementary schools.

Visit them at [www.movetothegroove.org](http://www.movetothegroove.org)



## Success Foundation:

Providing teens with the fundamental principles of personal development and the resources to help them reach their full potential.

Visit them at [www.successfoundation.org](http://www.successfoundation.org)

EMPOWERING THE FUTURE!

## Connecting2Tomorrow Story:

**"To make a change in a young person's life" – that's Connecting2Tomorrow's goal.**

Our purpose is to help young people answer the questions: **"What am I doing?" "Where am I going?"** By introducing common sense decision-making principles and other basic fundamental life skills we encourage them to manage their lives and take an active interest in their own future. By promoting responsibility, a strong work ethic and positive life choices, we strive to help teens create and work towards a dream.

Connecting2Tomorrow, by using a *"talk the talk and walk the walk"* approach, intends to address these issues and to put dreams into action. Our plan is to help the young people of the community who are at risk of not succeeding or reaching their full potential. Our mission and vision is to teach skills that create a positive change and assist in creating a brighter future for those who feel they do not have one.

**Helpful Quotes:**

"Everyone is a genius, but if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will live its entire life believing it is stupid."

Albert Einstein

"It's not about how hard you get hit, but how you get hit and keep moving forward"

Rocky Balboa

"Sometimes Life hits you in the head with a brick, but don't lose faith."

Steve Jobs

**Fundraisers:****Poker Fun Run/Walk**

Thanks to all of those who came out and walked the walk and supported our first Poker Walk Event on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Special thanks to our donors: D'Anthony's Restaurant, Dr. Michael Vero, Mitchell Insurance Agency, Mark Prokay of HRC Property Appraisals, Fred Vero Photography and the Butler BlueSox.

**Field Trip:****Monday June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

"Teen Life Coaching Skill for Success" special leadership event at Elliot Acres Therapeutic Horsemanship Center.

**Monday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

Butler Airport Field Trip. A behind the scenes tour of the airport, Medevac, Civil Air Patrol and a Presentation on Success.

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**FAST FACTS**

21.5%

National Unemployment Rate for workers 18 to 19  
From US Department of Labor

35%

Of teens who are active and working are less likely to experience early signs of dementia as they grow older than those who are sedentary.  
Source: Journal of the American Geriatrics Society

**WHO WE ARE****Board of Directors**

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**Career Choices are Life Choices**  
**Take them Seriously...**  
**Do it Right!**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!****We welcome our newest volunteers:**

LuAnn Byrnes, Program Advisory Council  
Marsha Wagner, Workshop Facilitator

**Current Volunteer Positions:**

Clerical Support  
Workshop Facilitators  
Program Coordinator

For more information on these positions please visit our website at [www.connecting2tomorrow.org](http://www.connecting2tomorrow.org) or email us at [connecting2tomorrow@gmail.com](mailto:connecting2tomorrow@gmail.com)