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Connecting2Tomorrow, Inc. Newsletter

"EMPOWERING BRIGHTER FUTURES"

WELCOME FUTURE WHAT? PROGRAM

Connecting2Tomorrow is pleased to become the host and operational partner of the Future What? Program. The Women United created this school mentoring program in 2010 and is now 40 students strong. We are proud that they chose C₂T to provide a home for Future What? We welcome their mentors and students to the C₂T family.

FUTURE WHAT?

Future What? Is an in-school mentoring program that focuses on long-term career exploration and planning with high school students. There are three main features to the program, which include:

> Monthly mentoring sessions that engage the students with interactive exercises to build skills in resume writing and completing

job applications, interviewing activities, and soft-skills development (appearance, attendance, manners, communication, etc.)

- Field trips to local and regional employers and training programs to gain first-hand experience to build the necessary skills to fulfill the potential job opportunities that await them.
- Reality projects in which students will explore choosing living arrangements; purchasing an automobile; banking, budgeting and estimating cost of living activities; and linking employment with jobs that correspond to students' desired earnings.

Interested in how you can become a part of the Future What? Program call 724-431-6025. WWW.CONNECTING2TOMORROW.ORG

JANUARY 2015 NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

C₂T celebrates National Mentoring Month. Remember everyone can be a mentor because every child deserves to be a mentee. Visit us on our social media pages as we recognize our volunteers, business partners, supporters, donors and all of those who help to make C₂T a successful mentoring program.



In honor of National Mentoring Month, Applebee's in Butler will be hosting C2T on January 28th and will donate 15% of your bill to our mentoring program. To request a flier to participate please email us at

connecting2tomorrow@gmail.com

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We welcome our newest Board Member Pearl Walker and our newest ex-officio Colby Shaffer, student board member.
Thank you for joining C2T!

Organizational Staff

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

Welcome Dave Piatek, our new Program Coordinator. Dave has a background in Behavioral Health as well as School Guidance Counseling.

C₂T is a 100% volunteer organization! We are proud of all of our volunteers and mentors!

Recruiting Volunteers!

At C2T, 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 C2T Mentor, please call 724-431-6025 or visit our website for additional details.

Proud Partners of:

Southwest Pennsylvania Mentoring Partnership



The United Way of Butler County





Trivia Fun Night Update!

Our first annual Trivia Night held on October 25th was a great success! We raised over \$1600.00 the teams had a lot of fun!

Special recognition and thank you to our supporters:
Butler Media Group
Panera Bread
Butler Township
Jerry Johnston, Emcee
Foxburg Inn
David's Hallmark
Dave Zarnick

Come join us for the fun and laughs at our next Trivia Night!
Details to be announced soon!

Dine & Donate Event

Help us Celebrate National Mentoring Month!

When: Wednesday, January 28, 2015 Time: 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM Where: Applebee's in Butler



Just present our flier to your wait staff and Applebees's will donate 15% of your bill to C2T!

If you need a flier email us at connecting2tomorrow@gmail.com or visit our website www.connecting2tomorrow.org

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Sponsors

We continually like to thank all of our sponsors and donors who help to make our program successful in making a difference in the Butler Community!

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 deductible 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 better futures 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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