



# THE EDGE

September 2012



## Connecting2Tomorrow, Inc. Newsletter

"SKILLS TAUGHT TODAY CONNECT US TO A BETTER TOMORROW"

### Welcome Our Newest Volunteers:

Marsha Wagner, Workshop Facilitator  
David McCabe, Workshop Facilitator  
LuAnn Byrnes, Board Member

### Interested in Volunteering?

We always have room for more! Volunteer a few hours a week or a month.

### Volunteer Opportunities:

Workshop Facilitators and Assistants  
Martial Art Instructors  
Fundraising  
Graphic Design  
Marketing/Publicity

For more information please email us at [connecting2Tomorrow@gmail.com](mailto:connecting2Tomorrow@gmail.com)

**Fall Workshops:** "Teen Life Coaching Skills for Success" workshops are off to a successful start at Glade Run Lutheran Services in Zelienople as well as the Butler PAR Program in the Butler School District.

Workshops open to the community are scheduled to begin in January 2013.

### The Moving Forward Program:

This is the second phase of workshops we will be introducing in 2013. Two great workshops will be: "Banking, Budgeting and Money" and "Work Ethics." Each of these will be four week interactive workshops to assist teens and young adults in reaching independent lifestyles.



### Khan Academy:

Free online education program. These courses are helpful for anyone needing assistance with classes or wanting to jump ahead.

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

EMPOWERING THE FUTURE!

### Dream Boards:

A dream board is a collage of images of things that you want in your life. Vision boards are a good way to focus positive thoughts on life goals. Creating a vision board is a creative way to become clear on your dreams. It makes your goals visible and keeps them in front of your eyes. This board reminds you of what you are reaching for in your life.

Before beginning your Dream Board: Sit quietly and ask yourself with an open mind what you want or what you would like to work on in your life.

Goals tell you where you are going, how you are going to get there, and what you will do when you get there. Be positive when stating your goals. Goals don't necessarily have to be big ones. You have to decide what you want. Make a timeframe for your goals. Make sure your goal is reachable. Set your goals in small achievable increments, with times, dates, etc.

**Helpful Quotes:**

"Think it to be it!"

Diane Pelusi

"Find yourself and think for yourself"

"Know exactly what you want"

"Pursue an unstoppable determination"

"You become what you think about"

Beyond the Quote.com

## Upcoming Events

**Fundraisers:****Annual Spaghetti Dinner!**

Catered by the Spaghetti Warehouse of Pittsburgh

When: Saturday November 3, 2012

Time: 5:00pm to 7:30pm

Where: St. Peter's Parish Hall

127 Franklin Street

Butler, PA 16001

Tickets: \$8.00 each

(Takeout Available)

**Donations of any kind are always welcome!**

We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and 100% operated by volunteers! Funds are largely raised by individual sponsors, businesses and fundraisers. **\$50** will sponsor a teen through an entire workshop series. Your support helps them to become more productive and responsible members of our community.

Donations of program materials are needed as well: Please consider donating one or more of the following items:

- \* Construction Paper
- \* White Poster Board
- \* Copy Paper
- \* Pens/Pencils
- \* Scissors
- \* Glue
- \* Balloons
- \* Disinfecting Wipes
- \* Hand Sanitizer
- \* Colored Markers or Sharpies
- \* Colored Pocket Portfolios
- \* Snacks/Drinks
- \* File Folders
- \* Martial Art Mats

**FAST FACTS**

# 15.4%

Unemployment Rate for High School Dropouts.  
Bureau of Labor Statistics

# 9.4%

Unemployment Rate for High School Graduates  
Bureau of Labor Statistics

# 4.7%

Unemployment Rate for Bachelor Degree or Higher  
Bureau of Labor Statistics

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



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