



# THE EDGE

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## Connecting2Tomorrow, Inc. Newsletter

"SKILLS TAUGHT TODAY CONNECT US TO A BETTER TOMORROW"

### The PAR Project:

Butler School District PAR program project with Soldiers' Angels.

Connecting2Tomorrow became involved with the PAR program at the Butler School District in 2012. The PAR program is an alternative educational setting to aid students in addressing attendance, behavior and academic concerns so that they can return to the building setting and gain the skills needed to be successful in life. During the 2012-2013 school year, we have provided topics and discussions on: Motivation, Career Interest, Team Building, Leadership, Conflict Resolution, Protecting Your Identity, Resume Writing, Mock Interviewing, Work Ethics, and more.

Beginning in February, the PAR students were involved in a project with Soldiers' Angels. The students of Butler School District collected items such as personal hygiene items, snacks, magazines, books, playing cards, etc. Over 9500 items were donated. Needless to say, the project was success!

It was a pleasure to be a part of this project! The PAR students worked diligently on packing and sorting all of these items. After 10 days, the last item was packed and 206 boxes were taped, labeled and sealed with custom forms. The packages will be shipped to troops serving in Afghanistan and to the aircraft carrier The USS Dwight D. Eisenhower. 7000 troops will benefit by this project.

Being a part of such a huge project was great, but watching the students work together as a team, putting their leadership skills into action and giving back to their community and country was priceless. Local Soldiers' visited the students while they were working to personally thank them for their efforts. The troops emailed the students to thank them and say they were looking forward to the packages. The items are not only helpful, but they are a big morale booster, as well.

EMPOWERING THE FUTURE!

A BIG THANK YOU to all of those who have contributed to this project in any way, especially to the students, faculty and Pam Novak from Soldiers' Angels.

*~Random Acts of Kindness~  
**Thank You**  
for serving!  
You are appreciated!  
Soldiers'Angels.org*



## WHO WE ARE

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## BOARD UPDATES

Connecting2Tomorrow Board of Directors, Volunteers and Organizational Staff continually build upon and improve our mission of: "Assisting teens and young adults to obtain basic skills to become productive, responsible and successful members of society."

Our Board of Directors is pleased to announce our new home at the Dunbar Center (Lower Level). We are now located at 501 Fairground Hill Road, Butler, PA 16001. We thank the Dunbar Center for providing us with space and to facilitate our workshops to the many teens and young adults in our community.

Our new agency phone number is 724-431-6025. This is a local Butler number!

Teen Life Coaching Skills for Success

A seven (7) week workshop series for ages 14 to 18  
 Topics include: Creating a Vision for Your Future; Motivation; Team Building; Leadership; Conflict Resolution; Taking Barriers and Making them into Resources; The Secret to Succeeding

Banking and Budgeting Workshop

A four (4) week workshop for 18 to 24 year olds.  
 Skills include: Managing Checking and Saving Accounts; Creating and Maintaining a Personal Budget; Dealing with Credit and how to Protect Yourself

Work Ethics Workshop

A four (4) week workshop for 18 to 24 year olds.  
 Skills include: Professionally Completing and Submitting Applications; Improving: Occupational Skills; Communication Styles and Interpersonal Skills; Resume Development; Sharpening Interview Skills; Preparing to Enter the Workforce

**Workshops are planned and scheduled in various locations in Butler County. To register for an upcoming workshop, please call 724-431-6025 and we can let you know when the next available workshop in your area.**

## CONTACTING US

**For More information about Connecting2Tomorrow please visit us on the web at:**

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**Interested in Volunteering?**

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

## UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS



## Fundraisers

**Dinner and Show!**

**Middle Eastern Cuisine by Mary's Restaurant  
 Comedy and Magic by Lee Terbosic**

When: May 17, 2013

Time: 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Where: St. Peter's Church Hall, 127 Franklin Street, Butler

Cost: \$25 Per Person (Limited Seating)

Order Tickets by Calling: 724-431-6025

**Casino Bus Trip!**

**To Presque Isle Downs and Casino  
 (18 and Older)**

When: June 6, 2013

Time: 8:00 am to 5:15 pm

Cost \$33 Per Person

Please call Margaret Hoffman at 724-282-4454 to reserve your seats!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poker Run/Walk**

**A Collaborated event to benefit  
 Connecting2Tomorrow, Dunbar Community Center  
 and Elliot Therapeutic Riding Stables  
 Fun! Food! And Prizes!**

When: August 19, 2013

Rain date: August 21, 2013

Where: Alameda Park (Pine Shelter)

Registration begins at 5:00 pm

Run/Walk begins at 5:30 pm

Dinner and Prizes at 6:30 pm

Swimming: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Costs \$15 for 11 and older; \$10 for 10 and under!

To Register Call: 724-431-6025, ext. 803

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