



COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP READINESS PROGRAM

SMARTNET – ADULT PROGRAMMING



Joe Emison, CTO
BRANCH FINANCIAL, LLC.

Pyramid CDC secured a contract with Branch Financial, LLC. to design and administer a Front-end Software Developer Bootcamp. Students are currently participating in an Instructor-led evening curriculum to obtain their Certificate of Completion with Code Academy. Upon completion of the Bootcamp, Branch Financial has agreed to hire six (6) to ten (10) employees as Junior Software Developers at an hourly rate of \$25.00 dollars.

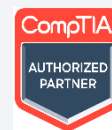
Over twelve (12) students of the original eighteen (18) Participants are currently competing for these positions.

Pyramid CDC provided adults an opportunity to obtain IT Industry Standard Certifications and Certificates of Completion through our CompTIA, Code Academy and Certiport Training partnerships.

Individuals attended either a four (4), eight (8) or twelve (12) week cohort. In addition to free tuition, they received weekly stipends, support services and career counseling.

Personal tutoring services was provided by JPMorgan Chase’s – Polaris, Ohio IT Department and CompTIA Tutoring Network, along with on-the-job Training provided by Pyramid CDC; new SMARTech social enterprise programming.

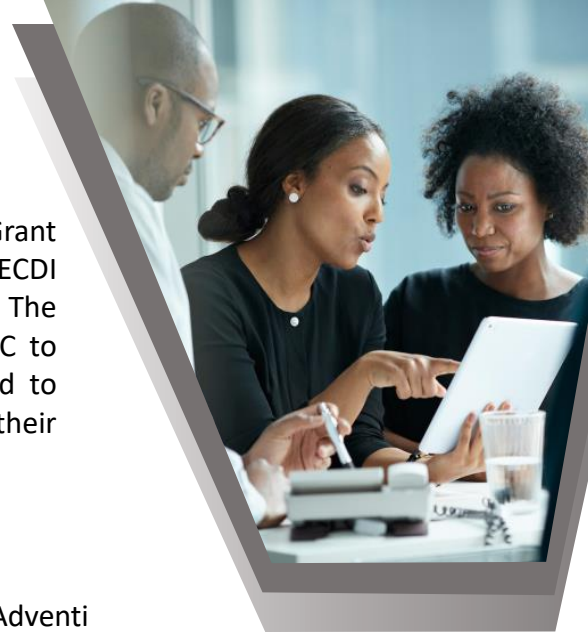
Students were able to receive U-Certify Certificates of Completion and Pearson Vue CompTIA IT Fundamental and/or A+ Certifications.





Small Business Training and Technical Assistance:

Pyramid CDC applied and secured a SBA PRIME Grant through the Ohio CDC Association administered by ECDI and funded by US Small Business Administration. The program was designed to empower Pyramid CDC to better assist entrepreneurs in the community and to take actionable steps to help them grow their businesses and gain access capital.



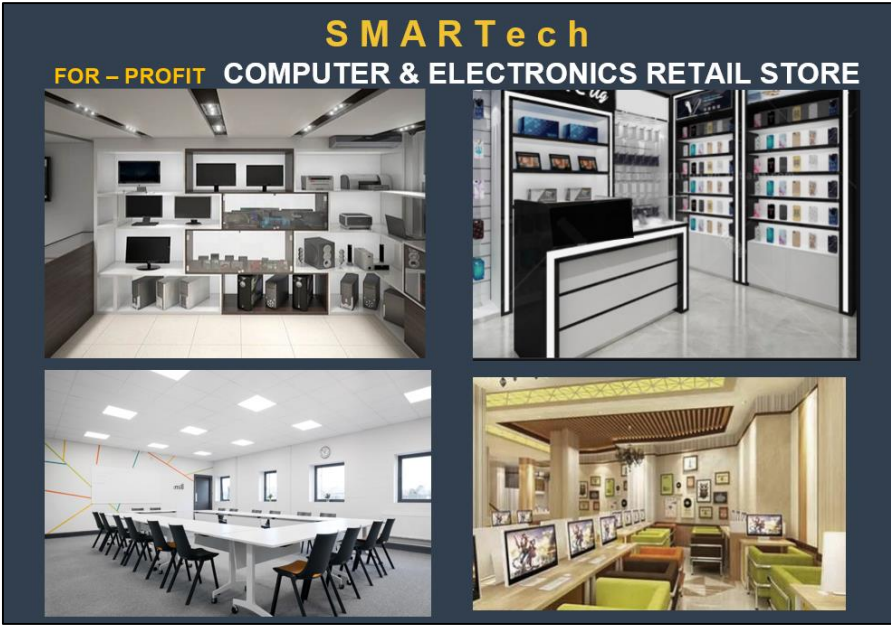
The Center Point. Program Services:

- Collaborated with Community Economic Development Law Group and Adventi Enterprises to deliver a small business development online sessions and six (6) Small Business Development Webinars;
- Training and technical assistance to over sixty-five (65) small businesses;
- Small Business Legal Aid and Technical Assistance;
- Small Business Back Office Services;
- Business Digital and Financial Literacy Services.



NEW SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PROJECT – PITCH CONTEST WINNER!

Pyramid CDC applied and was accepted into the Ohio CDC Association’s 2020-2021 Social Enterprise Incubation Program (SEIP). SEIP participation was an intensive eleven (11) month process presented by CauseImpact LLC. in which Pyramid CDC won the grand prize for the best Social Enterprise Pitch Presentation.



Executive Director Linda Nelson and Vice Chairperson Ronald Nelson, delivering SMARTech Social Enterprise Pitch

SMARTech - a Consumer, Electronics Retail and Training Location



SENIORS – DIGITAL LITERACY COHORTS



Debra Shinoskie, AARP
Branch Manager



Pyramid CDC secured a contract with AARP Senior Employment Services to administer four (4) three (3) week digital literacy classes to their participants. COVID-19 left many seniors without a means to communicate or connect with their former employer and AARP services.

Linden Seniors:

Pyramid CDC collaborated with the City of Columbus and new Linden Community Center to provide three (3) senior digital literacy training classes to Linden residents. Over twenty-five (25) residents were able to obtain Digital Literacy Certificates of Completion.



COLUMBUS IS MY NEIGHBORHOOD CAMPAIGN



Columbus Is My Neighborhood Campaign acknowledged the unsung heroes of the neighborhood of Columbus. They gave a face and voice to community leaders who have devoted their lives to their neighborhood in order to highlight their activism and commitment.

Pyramid CDC's Executive Director Linda Nelson was one of the eleven (11) finalist for this project. <https://cbusismynbhd.org/#linda>



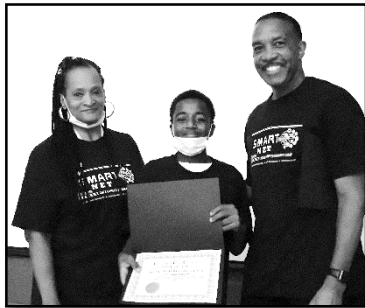
BLACK HISTORY MONTH PRESENTATION – DOUGLAS RECREATION CENTER

Youth Ages 6 – 14:

SMARTNET provided a weekly STEM Program for Black History Month at Douglas Recreation Center in Linden. Students learned and programmed Micro robots. They also received an up close Artificial Intelligent lesson on how the SmartCity Driverless Shuttle operates.



Computer Technology, Sports Management, Entrepreneurship and Graphic Design Nine (9) week Summer Camp – Milo Grogan Recreation Center



Youth Ages 11 – 14:

SMARTNET developed and administered an IT, Small Business, Sports Management and Graphic Design Summer Camp for youth ages eleven (11) through fourteen (14) at the Milo Grogan Recreation Center. The six (6) hour daily camp took students through a STEM curriculum to understand the various career choices available to them. Students traveled to COSI and to the Columbus Crew Health Facility.



Through the Sport Management, Small Business and Graphic Design classes, students successfully designed and organized a Dodgeball Tournament, uniforms and fundraisers. Upon completion of the camp, students received a Proclamation from Columbus City Council, a Dell laptop and a Micro Bit Robot Car.

