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Quarterly Newsletter (1Q26)

BEYOND BOUNDARIES WITHOUT MEASURES COMPUTER TRAINING

BUILD SKILLS. BUILD CONFIDENCE. BUILD YOUR FUTURE.

WHO WE ARE | WHAT WE DO | HOW YOU CAN HELP



Hey Everyone!

First, let me just say **thank you**. When I decided to leave 30 years of corporate life to launch my non-profit, I had no clue what to expect. But your words of encouragement and support pushed me to bring the

same professional rigor to this computer training lab that I once brought to the global digital transformation programs I led. In our first month, December 2025, we trained 42 adults. While the winter months slowed attendance (snow much?!), word kept spreading, and we're now seeing a steady flow of new students every single week.

What I've experienced during this first full quarter has made the hard work worthwhile. Teaching a 70-year-old how to use a mouse for the first time so he can find a part-time job. Helping small business owners use AI to cut costs. Teaching working professionals how to use Microsoft to upskill at work. These are real people with real stories and real needs, and you helped make it possible.

Read on to see what Q1 looked like and what we're building next.

Founder, President



LOCAL IMPACT. REGIONAL RECOGNITION.

Cook County Community of Digital Equity (CODE)

COOK COUNTY DIGITAL EQUITY

CITY BUREAU

We are proud to announce that we have been selected as one of 22 organizations to receive funding through the Digital Equity IMPACT Small Grants Program, administered by City Bureau in partnership with Cook County's Digital Equity Initiative. Being selected strengthens our position as a trusted digital organization in southern Cook County.

IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

90 Days. Real People. Real Results.

29

Adults Served in 1Q26

25 already registered for April, demand is outpacing capacity

70%

Participants Aged 50+

Most underserved, growing segment of the digital divide

1.8+

Confidence Score Gain After 1 Class

Measured on a 10pt scale, every session

71%

Word-of Mouth Referral Rate

Community trust, minimal marketing

Participants aren't just showing up, they're telling their neighbors, their churches, and their families. **That trust is everything for a community-based, in-person computer lab, and Q2 is already proving it.**

PROGRAM ACTIVITY

What People Are Coming to Learn

The biggest surprise of our first quarter was the demand for AI skills. We now teach ChatGPT to beginners as soon as they learn how to use a mouse. Half of them return to take our *All About AI* class, where they go deeper with ChatGPT, Claude, Google Gemini, and Microsoft Copilot, the four tools leading the AI landscape right now. We teach participants how to use these tools to build resumes, create presentations, and produce small-business documents, while also understanding responsible use and quality-checking results.

PARTICIPANT STORIES

Experienced. Credentialed. Ready to Work.

The majority of our participants are 50 and older, professionals who aren't done contributing. They just need a digital refresh to learn AI

fundamentals and to reinvigorate their confidence navigating today's online job market. These are the matriarchs and patriarchs of their families, the people younger generations look to for guidance. When they conquer the digital divide, it sends a powerful message to everyone watching: if they can do it, so can I.

"As a senior resident, I found this training extremely helpful. It gave me a better understanding of AI tools, which is much needed at this time with all the new technology. I told my 24yo son he needs to come with me next time."

— BBWM Participant, age 54

LOOKING AHEAD

What's Coming in Q2 and Beyond

New Partnerships

We're opening our lab to Future Cycle Breakers for their 6-week Cycle Breaker Investor Cohort, a program designed to teach middle school students how money and investing work, and how ownership shapes the future.



Career Coaching

One-on-one sessions for interview prep, resume review, and job search strategy are coming later this year, a natural next step after digital skills training that closes the loop from classroom to career.

Every Dollar Keeps the Computers Running and the Internet Working.

Our entire lab is operationally lean by design. Every dollar goes directly toward keeping our computers running, our internet on, and our doors open, 100% free of charge, for every adult who walks in. If you've been thinking about giving or partnering with us, now is a great time.

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