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NEWSBITES



AN INCREDIBLE YEAR OF GROWTH!!

#SeniorLiving

Assisting Seniors with Digital Literacy

Meet YourTechQ

SENIOR LIVING

Digital literacy can have a significant impact on the lives of older adults and Jesuit High School sophomores Anisha Dasgupta and Shomik Sen are looking to make a difference as co-Founders and co-Leaders of YourTechQ. Their goal: to provide that free technical support.

They are also looking to recruit more high school volunteers who will be supporting their team to strengthen the intergenerational educational pathways, where older participants and younger trainers build skills and connections together.

Benefits for seniors learning technology

Social isolation due to covid, our constant transition to digitized world, and our grandparents' helplessness to keep up with technology, motivated us

to start our non-profit organization, YourTechQ. We both are current high schoolers and part of the class of 2024, and our vision is to bridge the digital divide by uniting our communities through technology.

Why YourTechQ

We established our organization in March of 2022 primarily focusing on helping the elderly. Despite some initial struggle to connect with communities, we have helped over a hundred elderly across six different communities since September 2022. Our workshops consist of one-hour lectures on content which we

create, followed by one-on-one help for the residents.

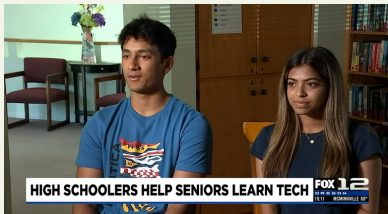
Learning goals might be anything from using a smartphone to creating a Facebook account or navigating an online shopping portal. "I learned so much and I think it was critical for some of our residents who are relatively new to technology," said one of our digital literacy workshop participants.

Apart from getting generous sponsorships from Comcast and the City of Portland, we were the youngest presenters at the NOIA conference. Presenting on a national platform in front of more than eight hundred digital equity leaders was an incredible experience!

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Light! Camera! Action!! We are back with our second volume of News Bites to share what's happening in our corner of the world!

We are having an incredible year so far building, connecting, and expanding our intergenerational digital skills training to bridge the digital divide!



HIGH SCHOOLERS HELP SENIORS LEARN TECH FOX 12

WE ARE A YOUTH-LED 501(C)(3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, AND WE STRIVE TO EDUCATE DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY OLDER ADULTS ON TECH USAGE AND ACCESSIBILITY IN ORDER TO CREATE DIGITAL EQUITY

OUR COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT

We are learning, growing, and expanding! Currently we are serving 10 senior homes in the Beaverton, Portland, Gresham and Happy Valley area. As a member of Coalition of Digital Equity, we have partnered with OHSU, Multnomah County Library, and Beaverton City Library to offer our services within our community, and helped over 500 older adults in the past year

We are proud to announce that we have opened two new chapters in Houston and San Diego to implement our youth led digital literacy training model in other states!

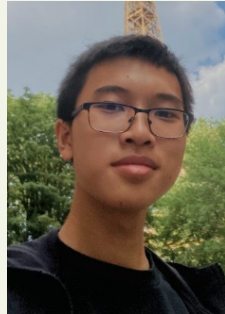
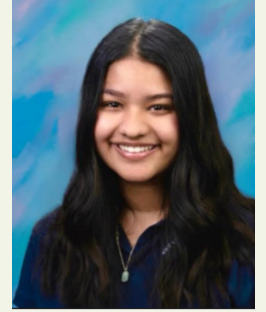


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OUR NEW DIGITAL EQUITY YOUTH LEADERS

Please meet our amazing and extremely talented Digital Equity Youth Leaders who are committed to take this journey forward. You will be seeing them more frequently during our next monthly workshops and community events.

Please check our website and social media to learn more about their interests, skills, and their creative ideas on leveraging their power as a digital change agent!



JIYA, AADYA, PROMIKA, EMILY, AATEF, ISHNA, JADON, AND NIKHIL (CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT)

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

WE ARE IMMENSELY GRATEFUL AND WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR GRACIOUS PARTNERSHIP AND TRUSTING US WITH OUR SERVICES.

ANISHA & SHOMIK

Accomplishments for Summer 2023:

- We have recruited local high school volunteers as the new YourTechQ Tech Leaders in Portland, Houston, and San Diego
- Expanded our partnerships with more senior communities, and trained youths from marginalized communities to expand our service and bring a more equitable solution for digital divide
- Partnered with OHSU to provide trainings on Digital Health Navigation in several clinics and community events
- Partnered with Teens-Teach-Tech program of Connected Nations to teach their Digital Literacy curriculum (powered by AT&T)
- Serving on Digital Inclusion Week #DIW2023 National Planning Committee to bring youth perspectives

Plans for Fall 2023:

- Plan and host Digital Inclusion Week, 2023 events
- Arrange specialized tech events by inviting guest speakers in collaboration with our medical and corporate partners
- Offer virtual tech support to the older adult learners who are comfortable with basic digital skills of device usage
- Creating pathways to recognize our incredible volunteers for their community work and hours



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