

My name is Rob Bentley and I am the President and founder of Cyber Streets Inc. Along with my Vice President, Jason Stewart, we operate and facilitate positive change in the state of Delaware, harnessing the power of technology to deliver STEM/STEAM/Tech education and training through Cyber Streets.org as well as our numerous local, regional, and national partnerships. Cyber Streets is a completely free, volunteer led/supported, tech mentoring initiative that organizes, recruits, plans, and distributes local community resources to effectively deliver weekly tech mentoring for underprivileged communities and their community centers. Since our inception back in January of 2017 we have already partnered with multiple organizations such as CompTIA, Pluralsight, Cybrary, SANS.org, etc., and several other organizations locally, across the state, and country.

Our mission is to mentor/teach community centers to build local community partnerships/relationships, recycle local resources, rebuild what they can, and use the internet to connect and utilize the mass of free and vendor sponsored courseware that we have consolidated on CyberStreets.org. The website serves a safe directory of all free online training to the masses ranging from all realms of IT, coding, cyber security/operations, online safety, cloud, business, college courses, IT certification, entrepreneurship, robotics, community outreach support, and more. Additionally we also provide career counseling for those that request it.

We also partner with local universities, military installations, and businesses to provide tours, mentors, and most importantly job integration opportunities that they did not have previously. This makes for an outstanding recruiting tool within the local community. Finally, we work diligently to unite and partner with other non-profit organizations to advertise, consult, serve the community, and unify to deliver their message as well. TechGirlz.org, Boys and girls Club, the Sussex County STEM Alliance, Police Athletic League of Dover, ICCL of Dover, YWCA of Wilmington and several other outreach organizations are perfect examples of successfully unifying and empowering partnerships.

Since our program pilot began back in January of 2017 we rapidly expanded to 3 separate non-profit organizations reaching 60+ kids within the first 45 days. Since then, there are at least 4 other community centers that are working with us to start the program across our state, and at least 17 states on hold until we build up reliable volunteer capacity to support them.

As we are currently utilizing some amazing tools for our kids, we thought it would be appropriate to let you know how it tremendously impacts other communities across our state. We hope to establish and grow a collaborative partnership with you in the very near future.

It would benefit Cyber Streets to receive continuing information on each of the nine subjects you referenced. As technology continues to be a level playing field for opportunity, community networking, communication, and collaboration are essential to Cyber Streets mission for delivering portable, scalable, and agile Tech/STEM/STEAM education opportunities to ALL underserved communities wherever we can find them. Information is the key. Any and all information you are willing to share on these subjects could be fundamental in the next big breakthrough for our communities.

One of the benefits of Cyber Streets is that our focus has never been and will never be singular. Our focus spans the entirety of the Tech/STEM/STEAM spectrum. If a member of the community is interested in anything remotely related to Tech/STEM/STEAM, we will exhaust all efforts to find or inspire an organization to deliver a training and education platform for the group or individual no matter the subject. As we continue to partner with organizations from food processing, agricultural, bioscience, industrial control systems (SCADA), highway infrastructure systems, and clean/alternative energy communities, (to name a few) we strive to inspire the interests of those seeking knowledge into the future of our technological revolution.

We would like to thank you for your time and your continued hard work connecting and advocating for STEM integration across our state. Building a strong foundation early on in our communities is key to the success of any state, city, community, or individual.

Thank you and have a wonderful day.