



community technology centers' network

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**Annual National Conference Showcases
Community Technology to Strengthen Communities**

Cleveland, OH -- Over four hundred community technology and community development leaders from across the country and around the world have gathered in Cleveland for the 14th Annual Community Technology Conference, hosted by the Community Technology Centers' Network (CTCNet). The Annual Community Technology Conference is the largest national gathering of community technology organizations, programs, and experts addressing technology access, information resources and applications for underserved communities.

The community technology movement has progressed from a small grassroots effort focused on technology access, to a growing national and international field of practice harnessing technology to meet human and social needs," according to Kavita Singh, CTCNet Executive Director. "This dynamic field now encompasses community-based efforts, regional collaborations, and strategic cross-sector alliances-- all fueled by innovation, effective practices, and a shared commitment to empowering individual lives and giving voice to community needs through technology."

Support for the 2005 Annual Community Technology conference comes from Microsoft Community Affairs as the premier sponsor with significant support from IBM Corporation. Partners include the Alliance for Technology Access and Local Volunteer host committee led by Ohio Community Computing Network and Cleveland's Digital Vision.

The Community Technology Centers' Network (CTCNet), headquartered in Washington, DC, is a national membership organization of over 1000 community-based centers and programs across the country, united in their commitment to improve the educational, economic, cultural and civic dimensions of their communities through equitable technology access and skills. Working with its member organizations, CTCNet provides resources and advocacy to advance the quality and sustainability of community technology centers and programs.

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