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## LETTER FROM DAISY, DAN, AND RAMIRO

Dear Friends,

When Code the Dream started 10 years ago, we were a small, informal group that met in a classroom in the basement of a co-working space.

A decade later, CTD has taught more than 1,500 students from 44 states (plus Washington, D.C., American Samoa, and the U.S. Virgin Islands), preparing them to meet the challenges of the modern tech workforce.

CTD has grown and changed, but the heart of our work remains—connecting students who are underrepresented in tech to opportunities that change their lives.

We're so grateful that you are a part of the CTD journey. For those who have faced immeasurable challenges, who have heard 'no' over and over again, who have big dreams and an even bigger drive, you are part of a transformative 'yes.' We couldn't do it without you.

With gratitude,

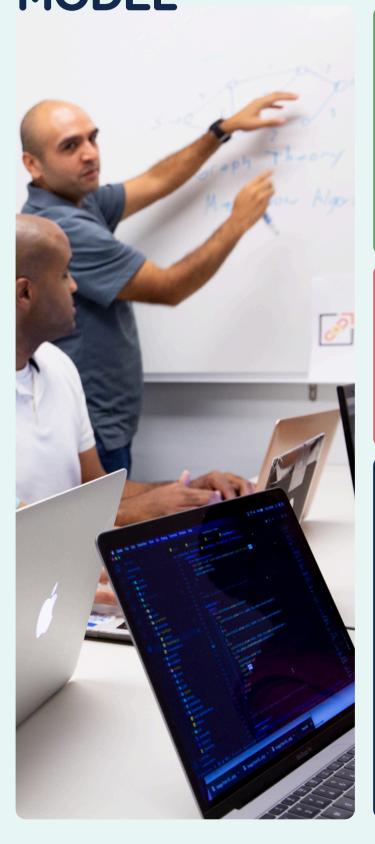
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MISSION, VISION, AND MODEL



#### **Our Mission**

Code the Dream creates opportunity that changes lives, builds technology that benefits our communities, and expands access to the skills we need for a more innovative world.

#### **Our Vision**

Code the Dream envisions a world in which tech innovation comes from all of us and benefits all of us.

#### Our Model

We carry out our mission through CTD Learns, our free code school, and CTD Labs, where our paid apprentices gain real-world experience building apps for clients. Equipped with valuable expertise, CTD's coders go on to launch new careers—a lifechanging opportunity for them, their families, and their communities.





# HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY, CODE THE DREAM!

A DECADE OF GROWING OPPORTUNITY, INNOVATION, AND IMPACT



Code the Dream began in 2014 as a way to help people from communities underrepresented in tech learn basic programming.

Today, Code the Dream is a fully remote national program with a robust dev shop that builds and maintains mobile apps, web apps, and websites for clients in the nonprofit sector. Our alumni have gone on to careers at companies like SAS, Mayo Clinic, IBM, and Deutsche Bank—a testament to the hard work of our students, apprentices, and staff.











## **ABOUT CTD LEARNS**

At Code the Dream, we're building a world in which innovation comes from all of us and benefits all of us. Our aspiring developers, who come from communities underrepresented in tech, take the first step toward changing their lives—and changing the face of the industry—when they begin their coursework.

It takes about a year of study to complete the full curriculum, from beginning to advanced to practicum, and most students spend 15-20 hours per week on their coursework.

CTD volunteers play a crucial role in the success of students. Individual volunteers provide valuable support as mentors and practicum leads, while group volunteers lead mock interviews, company tours, panel discussions, and more. Their dedication and expertise keep CTD Learns going.

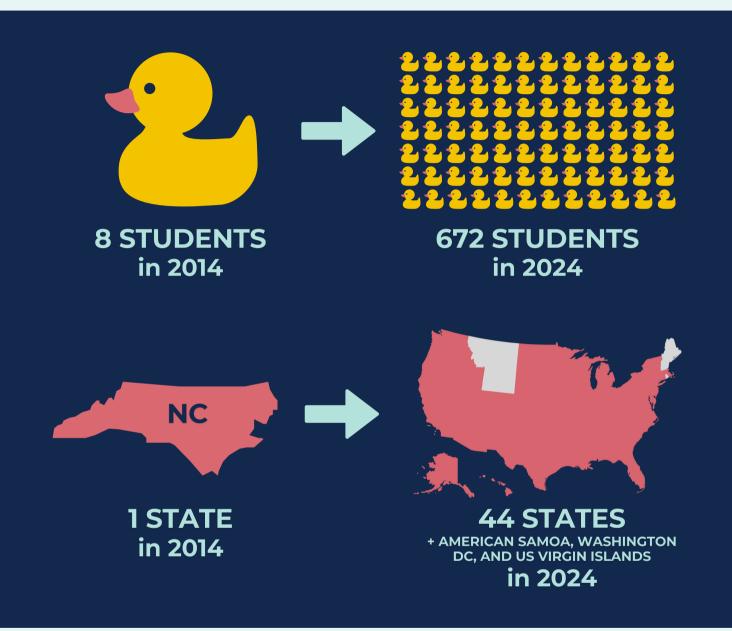


TO SOLVE COMPLEX PROBLEMS, WE NEED PEOPLE FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS DEEPLY INVOLVED AT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY TO HELP BUILD NEW TECHNOLOGY THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

DAISY MAGNUS-ARYITEY
CTD Co-Executive Director



## CTD LEARNS BY THE NUMBERS



600+ VOLUNTEERS
SUPPORTING OUR
PROGRAMS SINCE 2020



# OUR STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS



Aipu Ameh
CTD Volunteer

"I enjoy guiding other young professionals as they begin their journey coding, and I also have been learning a lot myself. The most meaningful part of my experience has been seeing students' eyes light up when they get the right answer."



Rahul Munde
CTD Student

"One of the most valuable parts of my CTD class experience was the hands-on learning approach. The projects and coding challenges helped me apply what I learned right away, making the concepts stick more effectively."



Morgan Guarino
CTD Student

"I'm Autistic and have ADHD, and have struggled constantly to try and find meaningful, fulfilling work that makes sense for my brain. Being disabled and not having any prior knowledge or experience in relevant fields always felt like an insurmountable barrier...but when I found CTD and started my journey, I found a renewed sense of hope for my future."

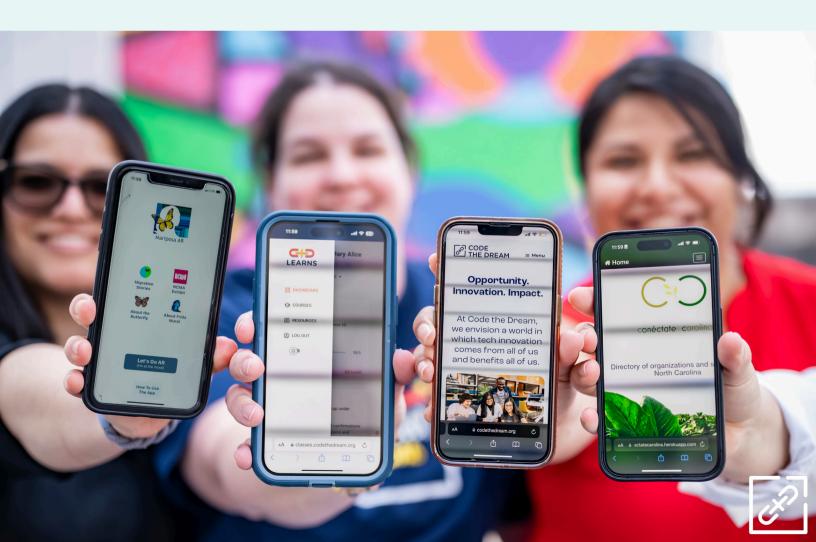


## **ABOUT CTD LABS**

CTD Labs is Code the Dream's in-house dev shop, where apprentice developers work alongside senior developers to build mobile apps, web apps, and websites for mission-driven organizations. Clients get tools that make their work easier, and apprentices gain real-world experience that equips them to start new careers.

By harnessing the power of tech for good, CTD Labs looks to an exciting future where technology solutions make the world a more just and equitable place.

We think we're on to something, and our clients agree, too. In the past decade, our apps have impacted hundreds of thousands of people throughout the United States—including outreach staff supporting farmworkers, people with low incomes who need emergency relief, advocates working at a state legislature, and researchers seeking information about clinical trials.



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## CTD LABS BY THE NUMBERS

**APPRENTICES** 

135

92%

apprentices since program launch

percent of apprentices who have launched careers in tech

\$80,000 +

average salary earned by apprentices once they get a job

**IMPACT** 

200,000+ people impacted by our apps



Code the Dream has created a simple, user-friendly app... We have received absolutely wonderful customer service, also in Spanish, which is vital for our partners on the ground so they can focus on serving the clients directly. I really love the mission of CTD and really appreciate everyone who has been involved in creating this app from scratch so we could execute the program.

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LAINE ROLONG
National Director for Economic Mobility
Hispanic Federation





#### **ABOUT VAMOS**

Vamos Outreach, the only all-in-one tool specifically for farmworker-serving organizations, replaces hours of staff time planning & mapping routes, documenting visit details, and generating reports. Vamos experienced tremendous growth in 2024 with the completion of major features, a 60% increase in partnerships, and the hiring of a full-time project manager. This year, our 17 partners used Vamos to conduct more than 10,000 worker interactions during nearly 1,800 outreach visits in 14 states.

#### 2024 VAMOS OUTREACH STATS

1,585

INDIVIDUAL LABOR CAMPS VISITED IN PAST 12 MONTHS

1,772

OUTREACH VISITS CONDUCTED

10,735

WORKER
INTERACTIONS
TRACKED

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VAMOS IS THE BEST THING WE'VE DONE. IT'S TRULY A WONDERFUL TOOL.

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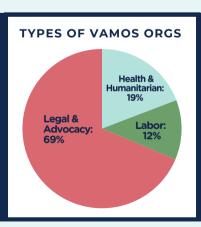
### **FACTS ABOUT VAMOS PARTNERS IN 2024**

TOTAL PARTNER ORGS,

REPRESENTING A

600

INCREASE OVER 2023



VAMOS PARTNERS VISITED WORKERS IN



## **TANDEM APPRENTICESHIP**

2024 was another successful year for Code the Dream's Tandem Apprenticeship program partnership with SAS, the Cary-based analytics and Al software company. As the year began, ten Tandem Apprenticeship alumni started full-time jobs, and another cohort of Tandem Apprentices began at SAS.

Tandem, a managed apprenticeship program, allows companies to add immediate value and diversity to their tech teams and to have the first shot at offering jobs to apprentices who meet their standards. Apprentices have a chance to showcase their talents while benefiting from real-world work and skill-building; Code the Dream provides administrative and financial support, as well as mentorship and professional guidance.



"My hope for them is that they're going to become the next leaders in the technology industry," said Alex Boakye, Vice President of Solutions Development at SAS.

Our partnership with SAS is a testament to the program's effectiveness—a success we plan to continue building on.

Boakye encourages other companies to take the leap with the Tandem. "I am hoping...other company leaders will look at it and see that there is a path to doing this kind of work in their companies," he said.



# TANDEM APPRENTICESHIP PROFILES



## MONICA CTD Alumna and Software Developer at SAS

Before CTD, Monica was working as a nanny and had a part-time job as a restaurant hostess. She had been thinking of switching careers but lacked the financial ability to do so. A colleague at the restaurant who was a CTD student encouraged her to apply.

When Monica started the intro class, she was juggling two jobs and working 50 hours a week. With the support of Code the Dream, she excelled in her classes and became a tandem apprentice at SAS. She was then hired full-time to continue her career journey at SAS as an Associate Software Engineer.



## UMA CTD Alumna and Software Developer at SAS

Uma, a mother of three, relaunched her tech career after a 13-year break. She needed a nocost program and found CTD through a Google Search.

Although she lost both her dad and father-inlaw while she was in the program, with her CTD family rallying around her, Uma was able to complete CTD classes and become a tandem apprentice at SAS. She was hired full-time and was thrilled to start her first job in the U.S.

"Each and every thing is a learning experience for me. I'm doing it and stepping up the ladder because of the amazing team around me and the resources available to grow."



## **UPDATES**

#### CODE THE DREAM'S WEBSITE GETS A 10TH-ANNIVERSARY GLOW-UP

In 2024, Code the Dream debuted its redesigned website. With refreshed design and expanded information, the new website reflects CTD's growth over the past decade.











#### IN 2024, CODE THE DREAM WELCOMED SIX NEW TEAM MEMBERS.

















LOUISE POCOCK
Senior Public Benefits Analyst

Product/Project Manager

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Communications Director

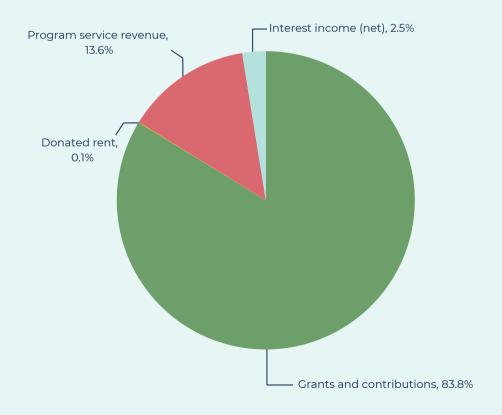


## **FINANCIALS**

### Income



## **Revenue Sources**





# THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

Special thanks to our generous community of partners and donors who have collectively contributed to our growth and impact.

#### **Individuals**

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**DONATE** 

**VOLUNTEER** 

### **BUILD TECHNOLOGY WITH US**

