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## From the President



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## April Monthly Message

Over the past several months, you might have noticed an influx of new technology at the [Innovation Center](#) - we certainly have! We've been in the process of growing our organizational capacity to better support web based business and interactions, and we've done it all with *you* in mind!

We understand that times are tough, but disappointing returns from the Dow have done nothing to sway our commitment to adding value to your youth and community work; instead, today's economic climate has inspired us to offer resources free of cost.

The President's renewed call for service is a reminder to the country of one of our core beliefs - that successful youth and community work is more important now than ever - and it was with that belief that we designed our new IT platform to offer new, free, virtual ways to support your work.

From the Innovation Center's website, we're pleased to offer a slew of new resources at no cost to you. Browse through hundreds of [downloadable activities](#), download full copies of our ever popular [tool kits](#) (though we're of course still happy to send you a hardcopy of any resource), and participate in our [online communities](#), shared virtual spaces where you can discuss issues, share documents, build relationships, and mine others for resources for your work.

As a means to reach out to our users myself, I've even started blogging! [Innovate](#) is a cool new blog that share stories, experiences, and ideas about youth and community development. I hope you'll join in with comments of your own to continue the conversation.

Fancy new technology or not, we above all aim to be and remain a resource for you and your work in communities. So please, download our publications, read my blog, join our online communities, and keep in touch with us - let us know what we can to do support you, we're eager to hear!



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