

CTC Employees Mentor Local Youth through the Goodwill® GoodGuides® Program

National Mentoring Program Helps Youth Build Career Plans and Skills

CTC employees have always taken the time to give back to their local communities. They look out for those around them and offer assistance in times of need. For the past several years, numerous CTC employees in the Johnstown, PA area have served as mentors in the Goodwill® GoodGuides® Youth Mentoring Program.

The GoodGuides program is a national initiative operated locally by [Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley](#) through grants from the U.S. Department of Justice and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. It is designed to help youth between the ages of 12–17 in Somerset and Cambria counties who may have barriers to success by focusing on building career plans and providing structured and supportive relationships with adult mentors.



CTC's Jodi Huston (middle row, third from left), Matt Bost (back row, far left), Mike Docherty (not pictured), and Bruce Williams (not pictured) were among the 22 GoodGuides volunteer mentors honored with the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. Photo by Thomas Slusser/Tribune-Democrat

CTC employees Matthew Bost, Jodi Huston, Michael J. Docherty, and Bruce Williams currently serve as mentors in the program. They were all recognized in January 2016 with the [Presidential Volunteer Service Award](#), given to volunteers who invested at least 25 hours in 2015.

Matt Bost has been a mentor for a young man in Cambria County for the past three years and says he has really enjoyed the program; "All the kids in the program want to be there. It has a positive influence in their lives. It feels great to give back to the community in this way and to help someone who just needs to talk things through as they make their journey through life. It has affected my life by helping me hone my skills, allowing me to become a better leader and to be more understanding of the issues our youth face today."

Jodi Huston echoes Matt's sentiments; "As Matt mentioned, this program has opened my eyes to some of the challenges that many of our local youth face. I have enjoyed mentoring a teenage girl for the past two years. She is a responsible and intelligent young lady that has five siblings, and it has been a pleasure to spend some one-on-one time with her, learning her life and dreams. I try to offer encouragement and be a positive influence to her."

For more information about becoming a mentor, speak with one of CTC's current volunteers or visit the [Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley](#).