

Concurrent Technologies Corporation's Matthew Bost Making a Difference in Local Community

Recently Honored for Dedication to Several Johnstown Charities

Concurrent Technologies Corporation's (CTC's) Matthew Bost, Project Manager, has spent many years making a difference in the Johnstown, PA community. In the spring of 2016, he was recognized by two organizations for giving back and helping the area's youth.

On Friday April 22, 2016, [Goodwill Industries of the Conemaugh Valley \(GICV\)](#) hosted the Waste Art Exhibition in Windber, PA where it announced its department award winners for 2016. Matt was awarded Mentor of the Year for 2016 and his mentee, Ken, was awarded Mentee of the Year.

Matt and Ken participate in the [Goodwill GoodGuides Youth Mentoring Program](#), a national initiative that is designed to help youth between the ages of 12–17 build career plans and skills as they prepare for school completion, postsecondary training, and productive work through structured and supportive relationships with adult mentors.

Three years ago, Matt became involved in the GoodGuides program after learning more at an information session sponsored by CTC. Since 2013, Matt (mentor) and Ken (mentee) have been matched, and their mentor-mentee relationship has flourished. It began simply as getting to know each other over games of chess while Ken attended school in Johnstown. Although they live about an hour apart, Matt and Ken still meet several times a month to spend quality time together. Ken is very interested in becoming a welder and loves gaming, while Matt enjoys music and the outdoors. They chat and text often about current events and school, and they discuss Zen phrases so each can keep being positive about life.

Matt was already recognized earlier this year with the [Presidential Volunteer Service Award](#) because of his hours spent mentoring in 2015. Matt asks that anybody who is looking to make a difference in the life of a youth consider the GoodGuides program. Matt said, "We are always looking for mentors who can give a little bit of their time to help the lives of kids who need to talk to someone. Goodwill makes the program easy to fit into your life, even with work and family commitments, and it is very rewarding to be a part of this program. Each mentee must apply for the program and truly wants to be a part of the program. This makes it easy for the mentor to engage and help make a difference in a mentee's life."

In addition to being recognized as Mentor of the Year by Goodwill, Matt was recently voted in as the new Chairman for the [Learning Lamp](#) Board of Directors after having served on the board and its executive, operating, and technical committees for the past six years. The Learning Lamp is a multi-faceted program that gives children, families, and schools in over a dozen Pennsylvania counties greater options for improving academic achievement. This volunteer role allows Matt to share what he has learned in business with this growing non-profit organization in the community.

"I feel it is not only important to give back to the community, but that I have an obligation to help youth see the opportunities ahead of them and build an even better community in the future," Matt said. Congratulations to Matt on his achievements and for helping to build a stronger Johnstown!

