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# NEWSLETTER



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## Hello Friends!

2011 has been an exciting year for Smooth Transition, and 2012 is shaping up to be even better. In these tough economic times, Smooth Transition has experienced growth and expansion due to the hard work of a dedicated team and your support. Read on to see what we have achieved and what we have planned in the coming year!

## 2011 Award For Innovation Winners!



Smooth Transition is the honored recipient of the 2011 Community Connect Award for Innovation at the Non-Profit Resource Center Annual Conference in Riverside. This award was for the talent, vision and innovative solutions the

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organization has brought to the City. We are honored by the award as we were nominated along with some other amazing organizations in the City, and considering we have only been in service a little over 2 years. This award goes to our entire dedicated team and the supporters who have made this all possible!



### Featured Educator Of The Quarter

Each quarter we like to honor one of our amazing team who have stood out and gone above and beyond. This quarter we would like to honor Matt Cranmer for his dedicated service. Matt has been with the organization almost from the beginning teaching a variety of computer training course. In addition, Matt has been the spearhead for developing our Comp TIA A+ certification training course. He has most recently been teaching beginning computer classes at the local Salvation Army and we have received great feedback from those he has served. One family member personally called the organization to say, "*Thank you for giving me the opportunity to let you know that you have some great, caring employees. Matt was teaching the class in Riverside at the Salvation Army. My brother, who has Muscular Dystrophy and only one arm, attended his class. He can only sit for 30 minutes at a time. Matt accommodated all the needs of my brother and made everything possible so he could get his computer. God bless people like Matt. He is a great asset not only to your company, but to the community as well.*" **WELL DONE MATT!** We appreciate you being on our team and your dedication to the people in the community!

### WASC Accreditation

Another exciting development for the organization is our pursuit of WASC Accreditation. WASC stands for Western Association of Schools and Colleges, and is the accrediting body for community colleges and private schools. We are told this process will take about a year to a year and a half, but once complete, would allow us to offer accredited classes and certificate programs. This will take a lot of work, but we are dedicated to obtaining our accreditation, thus making our programs



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Promotional Video

### We Need You!

It is only through the donations of our supporters that we are able to keep this program going strong. If you would like to attend one of our fundraiser events or donate, visit us at [www.smoothtransition.org](http://www.smoothtransition.org)



Smooth Transition Success  
Story



Update From  
Executive Director  
Robin Goins-Cornell

more credible and valuable. We will keep everyone posted as things progress! Visit [www.acswasc.org](http://www.acswasc.org) more details of WASC.

## Collaborations Are The Key

Today, the success of a non-profit is as strong its collaborations. With the budget cuts and many funding and resource challenges, teaming up with other organizations allows us to continue service and meet the goals and objectives of each organization. It is only those organizations that can adapt to this new trend that will survive to go on to the next level.

Collaborations are something we have always understood and strived for, and in 2011 Smooth Transition has worked hard to be a team player and develop creative ways to work together in the community. Some of those collaborations are:

- [Financial Literacy and Life Skills](#) - California Family Life Youth Opportunity Centers Rubidoux, Hemet and Lake Elsinore & RUSD Lincoln High School
- [Computer and Vocational Training](#) - Riverside Public Libraries
- [Foster Youth 3 Day Life Skills & Computer Camp](#) - Riverside County Office of Education
- [G.E.D. Preparation Training](#) - Riverside County DPSS
- [Youth Performing Arts](#) - Anointed Vessel Productions
- [Digital Inclusion Program](#) - SmartRiverside
- [Computer Training](#) - Coachella Valley Housing Association
- [Self-Reliance](#) - Growcology

We look forward to continued work with our valued partners in the coming year!



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## 2012 Class Offerings

It started two years ago with a simple life skills class and now we have grown to offer a wide variety of free and low cost educational and vocational training programs in the community. We will be launching 2012 with a bang offering even more valuable and affordable training programs. Our team has also grown to include a solid group of experts in their field ready to help serve those in need, and help break the unemployment, at-risk and poverty cycles. Some of the classes and workshops we are proud to offer are:

- Financial Literacy & Basic Life Skills
- Basic Computers
- Microsoft Office
- ESL
- Parenting
- Comp TIA A+ Training
- G.E.D. Preparation
- Beginning Electrical for HVAC and Refrigeration
- Beginning Plumbing
- Beginning Web Site Design
- Beginning Computer Programming
- Quickbooks
- Quality Customer Service
- Small Business Marketing
- Basic Computer Networking

Keep an eye on our [website](#) for current and upcoming classes. We are always looking for new and creative class offerings, so stay tuned! **REGISTER NOW!**

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