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PMI Chapters Build Multifaceted Programs for Social Good

Just as we know project management is a universal professional skill, we're also learning that project management expertise has a broad power to help others. PMI chapters are embracing this concept and developing multidimensional charitable programs that benefit a variety of worthy stakeholders, including youth, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and civic organizations—and it's happening all over the world!

Project Management for Youth

The PMI Tulsa Chapter (USA) program blends community assistance, youth programs and financial opportunities through scholarships to build a multidimensional program that makes a positive impact in their community.

Teaching risk management to 12-year-olds by using a popular television show, "The Deadliest Catch," is part of Tulsa's PM Youth Program. The chapter created a project-based learning program based on a curriculum developed by the PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF) for middle school (12-13 year olds). Chapter volunteers are teaching project management using "youth-friendly" examples that engage kids.

The chapter is also partnering with the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce to provide project management expertise and improve performance across some of the chamber's large volunteer civic projects.

Creating financial opportunities for students through scholarships is another part of the Tulsa program. The chapter sponsors a scholarship that is administered by PMIEF.

Building Better Futures

The PMI Sydney, Australia Chapter has created a Building Better Futures Program that includes youth and community projects. The Sydney Chapter is using its professional project management expertise to build a better future for youth, women and disabled citizens.

The chapter provides support and coaching for the Australia Special Olympics and has also created a program that encourages women to become project managers.

In keeping with the theme of Building Better Futures, this year the chapter is piloting a program for both teachers and students in a girls' school, where the actual project will be planning and building a bridge.

Building Better Futures is also the theme of the PMI São Paulo, Brazil Chapter's initiative for social good. This program combines elements of youth and NGO programs to help people and organizations. Using PMIEF's *Project Management Skills for Life* guide, members of the PMI São Paulo Chapter provided project management training to CIEDEF, a Brazilian NGO that promotes athletics and sports for the physically disabled.

The chapter is also working to build programs in secondary schools with São Paulo's secretary of education, and shortly the chapter will be providing mentors for students and staff as part of a PMIEF grant to CDI, a Brazilian NGO that has more than 800 community centers in Brazil. This grant was funded through a chapter donation to the PMIEF.

The program incorporates project management into the CDI youth training methodology, potentially introducing project management to thousands of children and providing them with skills. The chapter has also volunteered to translate the *PMI Project Management Methodology for Post Disaster Reconstruction*

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struction to help in the recovery process from severe flooding in Brazil.

Launching New Scholarships, Mentoring and Collaborating

Sponsoring a scholarship through PMIEF is the latest addition to the PMI New York City Chapter's member programs for social good. The chapter recently launched its scholarship, which will provide financial assistance to chapter members who are building their project management education.

Also, the chapter has developed a youth and teacher mentoring program with Virtual Enterprises International, a program of the New York City School Department

of Education in which students simulate creating and running their own businesses using best project management practices.

Collaborating with not-for-profit organizations is also a great way to bring project management programs to youth. One chapter member collaborates with Public Color, a not-for-profit organization that provides youth programs. They use PMIEF's *Project Management Skills for Life* guide, along with engaging content that contains real-world examples including references to Lady Gaga.

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