NPower Calls for Mentors, STEM Nonprofits and Schools to Join the Million Women Mentors Initiative

Partnership Seeks to Engage More Than One Million Girls & Young Women in STEM

NEW YORK, January 14, 2014--NPower has announced its founding partnership with Million Women Mentors. Launched during National Mentoring Month, the Million Women Mentors initiative is a national campaign driven by nonprofits, corporations and government agencies and led by STEMconnector®.

While women comprise 48% of the U.S. workforce, just 24% are in STEM fields, a statistic that has held constant for the last decade. The purpose of Million Women Mentors is to increase the interest of one million young women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) careers by connecting them to one million mentors.

NPower’s mission is to mobilize the tech community to provide individuals, nonprofits and schools access and opportunity to build tech skills and achieve their potential. “Our experience connecting tech-savvy professionals to aspiring young people, combined with our commitment to furthering women in technology, means we are totally aligned with the goal of Million Women Mentors to engage young women in STEM through mentoring,” said Stephanie Cuskley, CEO at NPower. “Professionals and corporations that would like to volunteer, as well as nonprofits that need mentors, can simply sign up through our skills-based volunteering website, The Community Corps. In a few clicks they can find transformational mentoring opportunities.”

Regina Dombkowski is a young woman who experienced powerful career progression when NPower connected her to technology professional Joanna Durand, Managing Director and Global Program Management Head at Citi. Starting out in any industry without a job, connections or experience is tough for anyone. But with Joanna’s support throughout the job search, Regina was able to improve her resume, receive timely coaching for interviews and make new connections. “For people who’ve been in the business world for some time, it’s easy to underestimate how powerful their advice can be,” says Regina. “What’s second nature to them can bring incredible value to a mentee.” She believes that the support she received from Joanna was integral to successfully landing the prestigious role as Business Analyst in a tech division at Citi. Regina is now in a leadership development program and looking forward to a bright future.

NPower is launching a rallying cry to tech-savvy professionals who want to volunteer as mentors and nonprofits that serve young women to sign up and inspire the next generation of women in STEM.

To find out more, visit http://www.npower.org/Our-Programs/Million-Women-Mentors.aspx
About NPower
NPower mobilizes the tech community to provide individuals, nonprofits, and schools access and opportunity to build tech skills and achieve their potential. The national nonprofit pursues this mission through two signature programs:

Technology Service Corps builds brighter futures for underserved young adults and veterans through free technology and professional skills training. The program includes technical classes, mentoring from business leaders, internships and career development workshops at leading corporations and nonprofits, industry-recognized certifications as well as employment and alumni services. More than 80% of alumni are employed or pursuing higher education within one year of graduation.

The Community Corps mobilizes tech-savvy professionals to work with schools and nonprofits to help them use technology more effectively and to mentor the next generation of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) talent. The program’s skills-based volunteering website connects knowledgeable volunteers, high-impact nonprofits and innovative education partners. Whether it’s mentoring, training, or web development – if it’s tech-related, NPower can help.

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About Million Women Mentors (MWM)
Million Women Mentors is a collective national campaign and program with the purpose of captivating one million mentors to link with one million girls and young professionals for their STEM careers. The program is a collective effort of founding partners, including nonprofits, major corporations and government agencies.

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