

Cradle 2 Career Meeting with Julie Ruzek, Director of C2C and the Rotary/ C2C Ambassadors
May 23, 2024

1. From the May C2C Leadership meeting:

- Cradle 2 Career has a new website! It is still at www.c2cmn.com
Check it out!
- Rotary is listed on C2C's Partners page with this logo:



- The data on the website is currently only population data. Programmatic data will be added.

2. Updates from Networks:

- The High School Completion Network is doing a pilot related to FAFSA completion. They are working with student populations who have historically had a low percentage completing the FAFSA (i.e BIPOC students, homeless students, low-income students). Currently MN is 42nd of 50 states in the percentage of students who complete it.
The goals of the pilot were to engage with 9 community partners and have 75 students complete the FAFSA. To date 35 students or their families have completed the FAFSA. The pilot is still ongoing and hopes to meet their goal.

3. Cradle 2 Career is excited to announce that given the work accomplished, they have been invited to apply for the next step of the StriveTogether road map: Systems Change. This invitation is a wonderful recognition of the hard work C2C and the Rochester community have been performing. It means that C2C has met all of the requirements of its previous step, which was the "sustaining" step. These steps are established by StriveTogether to indicate the progress its organizations are making.

4. The Annual Education Summit will be held this year on Wednesday, October 9.

- Are any Rotarians interested in presenting? The Rotary/ C2C Ambassadors will check with their Club membership.
- C2C will again need Rotarian volunteers for this event. Angalee Schmidt will work with the Ambassadors to invite Rotarians to volunteer.

5. Rotary fiscal support for C2C:

- The Rochester Risers Club has committed to a 5-year agreement to fund C2C \$2500 per year for the Education Summit, beginning in 2025. They will be writing their first check by April 15, 2025.
- The Greater Rochester Rotary is considering \$1500 for the 2025 Education Summit. This will be considered in the next couple of months as the Club's 2024-25 budget is established.
- The Rotary Club of Rochester (TRCR) will ask members who would like to support the C2C Education Summit, to donate to this need through the TRCR Foundation.
- Julie asks that donations to C2C be made by April 15 of each year.