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I thrive to be the voice of the community that represents me. Digital access is becoming one of the biggest necessities especially nowadays because of the pandemic. Hence, I want to make sure that I have done everything within my power so my people have equitable access to this necessity.

Hermela Gebregiorgis
MMRTI Youth Leader
Yesler Digital Navigator

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MMRTI Digital Navigators

Meet the people helping Yesler with technology



MMRTI started working on the Family Digital Navigators Program at the end of 2020. Said Mohammed, Hermela Gebregiorgis, Assaye Abune, Asfaha Lemlem, and Kumelachew Fekede are the navigators team who have been working with Yesler residents to help them better understand the digital world. MMRTI helps families connect to the internet, browse and operate their devices, and use technology for their daily activities. The Family Digital Navigators program reduces cultural, institutional and structural barriers to access and use technology.

This Family Digital Equity Navigators program is funded by the SHA and sponsored by the City of Seattle. The program will provide services for about 60 residents in 2021. MMRTI's priorities are to give Yesler residents access to the internet with a reliable speed, access to devices, and training on basic computer skills. MMRTI has also been busy showing Yesler residents how to do speed tests on their internet, contacting service providers directly to see what their deals for a speed boost look like, and helping residents open library accounts to access other resources

"As a digital navigator I take myself as a voice for the people. As a young person from the community, I try as much to help my community reach high standards. At the moment my goal is for them to be capable of doing their daily activities independently without worrying about having access to resources. As a navigator I always make sure the community has the resources it needs, if not it is my job to provide it in any way possible."

Said Mohammed
MMRTI Youth Leader and Coordinator
Yesler Digital Navigator

Rahwa's Story

Rahwa is a high school student living in a household of seven people. The majority of her family are students under high school age. All of the students in the family use computers provided by school. Rahwa contacted MMRTI because her internet is slow, so she has trouble attending meetings. MMRTI visited Rahwa, ran a speed test for her internet, and learned that the problem she was having was with her laptop. Even though Rahwa's WiFi was slow, the laptop had problems which made it worse. Now MMRTI is connecting with individuals and organizations who can give out or sponsor laptops to residents like Rahwa.

MMRTI's goals for the future include:

MMRTI is always looking to the future to continue doing the best work they can. MMRTI's future goals include:

- Extending the navigators program to additional families at Yesler Terrace and other Central District residents.
- Adding more hours and services including additional workshops and training.
- Adding more virtual classes related to basic computer technology and social media.
- Partnering with the Seattle Public library and helping participants open a library card so they can further be supported by the services provided by the library.
- Turning MMRTI into a Tech Hub where residents can visit to discuss any kind of hardship they're facing and have their technical problems properly addressed

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MMRTI Translates

Did you know that MMRTI also provides translation services? MMRTI works not only in English, but can also work with Yesler residents who speak Oromo, Amharic, Tigrinya, and Arabic.

"Helping us especially with internet and devices access. They help us to measure the speed of our internet. The internet is slow. Just they measure the speed of the internet, and they reach out to the organizations which provide us internet and giving us feedback on what we have to do and what not to."

Omer Idris



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Yesler Terrace Summer Youth Media Internship Program

Ages: 16 - 18

Program Dates:
June 28 - August 5th,
Monday -- Thursday,
10:00 AM -- 3:00 PM

Program stipend:
\$1200

Location:
Multimedia Resources and Training Institute (MMRTI)
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