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### Welcome Todd! CVM Development Manager



I'm Todd Prusha and am recently retired, (December 2019) from 34 years in public education, most recently from Kirkwood Community College. Living in Cedar Falls with my wife, we have three grown daughters with families of their own, six of the seven grandchildren are in the Cedar Valley.

Since last fall (2019), I have been volunteering on shop and community volunteer projects.

I feel connected and passionate about the Maker's environment and mission. Additionally, I really enjoy the people at CVM.

In my roles at Kirkwood, I led many teams working to address community need and create affordable, accessible, quality training and degree programs. Beyond program, partnership and facility development, it was also my role to evaluate the success, effectiveness and sustainability of each program. In my role as Program Development Manager, I hope to use my experience, community focus and development skills to:

- Strengthen and expand community partnerships
- Facilitate community and member needs assessments to identify areas for new/additional programs, equipment and/or Maker's fields, spaces
- Assist with membership recruitment
- Onboard, support, collaborate and evaluate the CVM internship positions

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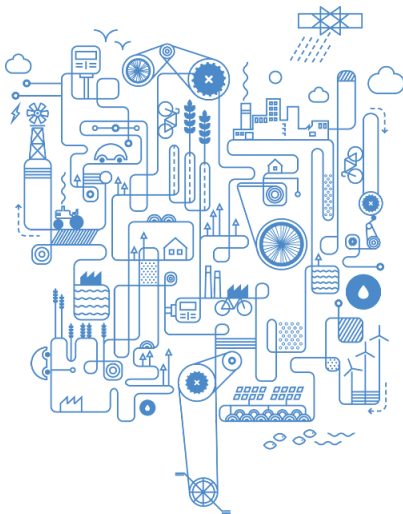
- Assist in diversification of revenue streams through grant writing, partnerships, events and new programming
- Support current and future needs of CVM membership and board of directors

For those whom I haven't met yet, I look forward to meeting you in the near future for collaboration, visioning and friendship.

For questions about partnering with CVM, e-mail: [todd@cedarvalleymakers.org](mailto:todd@cedarvalleymakers.org)

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## Cedar Valley Maker Camp



The Cedar Valley Makers will release a series of virtual maker camp projects that we hope will entertain and build maker skills and creativity. The first challenge, Make your own Rube Goldberg Machine, has been released and can be found on the [website](#).

Some challenges will be simple using materials found at home, and some will build digital design and programming skills, and a few will culminate in access to the space to turn digital designs into finished products. Check back every few weeks for a new challenge.

If you have youth camp ideas or suggestions and/or would like to help facilitate a virtual camp, please contact [todd@cedarvalleymakers.org](mailto:todd@cedarvalleymakers.org)

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## CVM - A Great Community Resource

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maker Spaces all over the world have been places of innovation during the Corona Virus pandemic and CVM is no exception. CVM members and volunteers have used the space and equipment to respond to PPE shortages making thousands of masks, face shields, ear protectors, and even gowns. It was a bright spot watching members design, and redesign as they improved the production process. It was heartwarming to see groups and individuals all over the Cedar Valley roll up their sleeves and volunteer. As of June 31, [the PPE project data is attached](#). We attempted to keep track of both the numbers and the people that worked on the project and or donated to the cause. Data collection was a bit of an after thought however, so our apologies if you were not appropriately acknowledged.





10,000 Mask Campaign

## Support Cedar Valley Makers

It is amazing what a bunch of dedicated volunteers can do, but we only scratch the surface of CVM's potential. With your support we can do much more:

- Become a paying maker space member with a recurring monthly membership of \$40.00 and get full access to the shop and tools 24/7.
- Sign up for a community membership and volunteer to help with workshops and events.
- If you have less time than money, consider becoming a friend of CVM. Our goal is to have 150 friends willing to give us a small recurring donation. If that is you, support us through the [Community Foundation of North East Iowa...](#)

Community groups can request free access to the space, tools, and expertise. Send us an e-mail telling us about your group, your project, and what you think you will need(space, tools, expertise) <http://info@cedarvalleymakers.org>.

We look forward to seeing your projects.

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#### Programs and Volunteer Community events:

- To find out more about our community projects and volunteer opportunities or to schedule a tour or an orientation, e-mail [info@cedarvalleymakers.org](mailto:info@cedarvalleymakers.org)

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### The Board of Directors

Our Mission: To promote collaborative learning, creative design, and manufacturing for people of all ages and skill levels. We provide education by giving access to tools, machines and training inside our makerspace and by promoting and planning educational events that can forward scientific thinking, learning and entrepreneurial spirit for all members of our community.

