

**BEST – Building Entrepreneurs for Success in Tennessee**  
**A Program of the Nashville Entrepreneur Center**

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**Webpage:** <http://www.ec.co/best>

**Feature stories about BEST:**

- <http://www.tennessean.com/story/money/2016/04/30/entrepreneurship-training-teaches-inmates-skills-start-over/83544934/>
- <http://thestoryexchange.org/entrepreneurship-provides-new-hope-former-prisoners/>

**Partners:**

- Educational institutions: Belmont University, Lipscomb University
- Non-profits: Reentry support - Project Return, Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry, Family Reconciliation Center. Other – The Project Nashville, Pathways Lending
- Government: Tennessee Department of Correction, Take One
- Businesses: Innertainment Delivery System, DevDigital, RBI Enterprise Inc., Positive Images and Associates

**Donations:**

- Douglas W. – cohort 1 donated \$80 while still incarcerated after graduating from BEST
- Tamikyo F. and Jasmine L. – cohort 3 both donated funds while actively in the program
- Dr. Turner and Phylance Nashe – donated \$100,000 February 2017 stating, “We believe so much in the BEST program and the lives it affects.” April 2015 they donated \$25,000 to create the BEST Microloan Fund.
- Bob Weber Memorial Fund - \$3,000
- Christ UMC Prison Ministry Team - \$1,200
- Weber Family Foundation - \$1,000
- Wolf Family Foundation - \$4,000
- George Medley – \$1,000
- Peter Marcum - \$1,000
- Bill and Mary Brennan - \$1,000
- Prompt the Word, Inc. - \$2,585
- Shirley Vander Molen - \$5,000
- Schneider Electric - \$4,785

**In Kind Donation:**

- Innertainment Delivery System – donated use of 21 eReaders and recharging cart

**Grant:**

- Launch Tennessee - \$25,000