**BEST – Building Entrepreneurs for Success in Tennessee**

**A Program of the Nashville Entrepreneur Center**

**ANNEX**

**Webpage:** [**http://www.ec.co/best**](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://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/**](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 Phylanice 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