IBM’s longstanding, global commitment to corporate responsibility is a demonstration of our values and the priorities that guide them. By integrating corporate responsibility with business strategy, we contribute to the communities in which we do business while engaging our clients, partners and employees. IBM’s technology and talent have the power to help transform governments, institutions, communities and the quality of life for people around the world. Whether it’s improving education, revitalizing cities, protecting the environment or driving economic growth, IBM and IBMers contribute innovative solutions to the world’s toughest societal challenges.

“To build a smarter planet — and to run a smarter enterprise — your business and citizenship strategies must be more than aligned. They must become one. This is very different from traditional notions of ‘giving back’ or CSR. Speaking as an IBMer, I believe this comes from the core of our culture, values and purpose as an enterprise — to be essential to our clients and to the world,” says IBM Chairman, President and CEO Ginni Rometty.

**Education**
IBM’s innovative P-TECH grades 9 to 14 model connects education to jobs. In the 2014-15 school year, P-TECH’s first six graduates finished high school and college in just four years, as the P-TECH network expanded to 27 schools across three states. The first P-TECH school in Connecticut, NECA, opened in 2014 with 84 ninth-graders who completed their first year in June 2015. A partnership among Norwalk Public Schools, Norwalk Community College and IBM, NECA welcomed a new class of ninth-graders in 2015, along with the current class of rising sophomores.
Also in 2015, IBM unveiled Teacher Advisor Powered by Watson, an advanced cognitive computing system that will provide qualified lesson plans and mentoring to teachers via mobile devices — all free of charge.

**Problem solving**

IBM Impact Grants bring sophisticated capabilities to non-profit organizations to help them serve their constituencies more effectively. IBM has delivered more than 1,500 grants worldwide since 2010, with more than 500 delivered in 2014. In Connecticut, grants valued at over $50,000 were delivered to the American Red Cross and Ability Beyond.

Worldwide in 2014, 100 Corporate Service Corps teams worked on pro bono consulting projects to improve women's health, preserve the environment, and more. Sixteen cities benefitted from Smarter Cities Challenge engagements. And World Community Grid helped strengthen the fights against cancer and Ebola by providing free “virtual supercomputing” power to humanitarian researchers.

**Employee engagement**

Nearly 270,000 active and retired IBMers have donated nearly 18 million hours of volunteer service through IBM's On Demand Community, and IBM's Volunteer Excellence awards bestow CEO-level recognition on those employees who, through their actions, best personify IBM's culture of service. U.S. and Canadian employees also can make cash contributions through payroll deductions. In Connecticut, IBMers reached 3,700 students in 2014 through education outreach programs to promote math and science, and 156 IBM volunteers supported the Special Olympics of Connecticut.

**Disaster relief**

Integrating advanced technologies with the expertise of IBMers, IBM delivers essential components of what it takes for affected areas and individuals to regroup, rebuild and recover. Joining the global fight against Ebola and responding to the devastation of Hurricane Haiyan in the Philippines, with both immediate and long-term solutions, were just two examples of IBM's agile and sustained 2014 disaster relief efforts.

**Awards & recognition**

- *Corporate Responsibility Magazine* 100 Best Corporate Citizens
- Literacy Volunteers of Connecticut recognized IBM for volunteer efforts in education.
- Junior Achievement recognized IBMers for leadership and volunteer activity in the Connecticut school system.
- Special Olympics of Connecticut recognized IBMers for volunteer efforts in support of the Special Olympians.

For more information

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