National Mentoring Month

Across our community, mentors steer youth through challenging times and support their journey into adulthood. During National Mentoring Month, we honour you. By giving generously of your time you unlock the potential and nurture the talent of your student. Your dedication is helping children succeed when they might have otherwise fallen short and feel a sense of friendship and wellbeing where they otherwise might have felt loneliness and anxiety.

Mentors, you provide a steady presence and share your valuable knowledge and experiences. Even brief amounts of quality time set aside in the name of service and compassion has a lasting impact on the development of a child. You also support the lessons of parents and teachers by encouraging students to complete their schoolwork and by instilling enduring values of commitment and persistence. When you are helping a child develop you are literally shaping the future.

I know the difference that a responsible, caring adult makes in a child’s life. Effective mentoring results in, among other things, better school attendance, positive student attitudes, and a reduced likelihood of initiating drug and alcohol use. You are helping children realize their promise because you encourage them to reach for new heights and guide them along the path to achievement. Your contributions extend beyond your own lives and have a lasting impact that strengthens our society. With a sincere feeling of gratitude, please accept my thanks and the thanks of the community for your generosity, caring, and commitment.
Mentoring Ideas

Write to the President

Materials: Writing paper, Pen, Envelope, Postage stamp

There are many reasons kids might like to write to the president. Your letter will be read by a White House secretary, who may refer it to the president. No matter who reads it, however, you will receive a reply. Your letter can be neatly handwritten or typed.

The address for the president is:

The President of the United States
White House Oval Office
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Write a story:

Write an adventure story together. You can be the scribe and provide guidance as the story unfolds. Let your mentee choose the main character and what tasks must be completed. When finished, illustrate the tale and staple to create a book for others to read.

Family Tree:

Make a family tree of your mentee’s relatives. This can help you understand the people that he or she talks about, or it may help to open up a conversation about your mentee’s life. Look at Page 4 for an example.
Bowling and Pizza Activity

Come and join us for an afternoon of bowling, pizza, and prizes.

Date: 01/20/11
Time: 4:30-6:00

Location: South County Lanes
122 W 900 N (Just West of the Main Street Freeway Exit)

Who is Invited: Mentors, Parents, and Mentee’s.

Why you should come: Meet program staff. Learn more about mentoring. But most of all HAVE FUN!

Please RSVP No Later Than Friday January 14th to:

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