



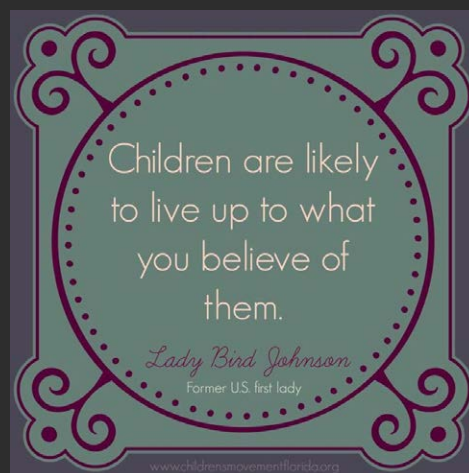
A Family For Every Child Mentor Program



"A Mentor is someone who allows you to see the hope inside yourself"

January 2015

A Note From The Mentor Program Director:



Hello All!

I hope that the New Year is off to a great start for everyone! I know that the Mentor Program is doing great things for our community and blossoming more than ever this year! We have opened our doors to serve more youth in our community and across the state of Oregon. We believe that every child that is at risk in our community should have the possibility of having a mentor that can help, guide, motivate and support a youth in

need.

We have been doing our best to educate our community about our services and recruiting more mentors through this form as well. We are going through many types of avenues to help spread the word about how rewarding and impacting it really is to mentor a youth in need.

It is in my opinion that the reason we are not seeing a change in this world and seeing more youth involved in illicit activities and higher child incarceration rates, is because we are not aware of the obstacles these children face. We need to become aware and involved. We need to stop having the mind set that " someone will take care of it" or that "it isn't my problem."

The reality is if we do not engage one another to become involved, we will not progress as a nation. We will continue to see more homelessness, hunger and continuously see higher child incarceration rates.

There is hope though. If each person set aside one hour. Just one hour of their day and spent that time with a youth in need, it would make a world of difference. The proof is out there folks, with plenty of research to support how impacting mentoring services are to youth.

It is our responsibility to STEP UP and help youth that don't ask for much, but your time, dedication, care and commitment. A little hope, love and dedication can go a long way.

Warmest Regards,

Mavis Sanchez

Education Outreach

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Mentor Assisted Life Skills Programs

Our Mentor Assisted Life Skills Class as well as our Educational Outreach Program is to ensure that we are helping support all our youth through every avenue of their life. It is important for us to support each youth within our program with their educational and life skills needs. We would like to see every child live in this world feeling competent and well aware of their skills and intelligence.

School Based Mentors

Our Education Outreach program is evolving more than ever. With more than 20 youth actively involved within this program we are supporting each child in their academic needs and goals. We are working closely with each mentor as well to help them become aware of the academic struggles their mentee is experiencing. We are looking to support these children even more with school based mentors that can support them actively while they are in school and after school with homework help and one on one tutoring. For more information about this program please contact the Education Outreach Coordinator at (541) 343-2856 and speak to Mary Bromely or email her at mary.bromely@afamilyforeverychild.org



Seeking Professional Mentors

We are currently seeking professionals in our community to have our

foster children within our program have an opportunity to job shadow professionals within the Lane County region in Oregon as well as the Portland, Or area as well. With this effort, this will help motivate youth to pursue higher goals and dream and to encourage them to DREAM BIG. If you or someone you know would like to become involved with this effort, please contact the Mentor Director at (541) 343-2856 or email us a mentor@afamilyforeverychild.org



Mentor Testimonial

"This kid is awesome, and I feel fortunate to have been paired with him. I wasn't certain about what this would be like, or exactly why I was participating in the first place (to be completely honest). Going into the program, I knew that this

was something I wanted to do, and should do, but I didn't completely understand WHY. I imagine the "why?" will continue to evolve, but after a couple months I have realized that *Paul and I have been given an opportunity for a profoundly meaningful friendship. It is not simply me offering help and guidance to a kid who has had it rough. It's a two-way street, and I look forward to hanging out as much as he does."

Hero For The Day!



Mark your calendars!

February 15th from 12pm until 3pm for the 1st Annual Hero for a Day!

Located in the Moshofsky Center (the indoor football field), this special day is an opportunity for Oregon boys ages 2-18 to be treated like a Hero for a Day. It is designed to be a gift for foster children in the community as well as raise awareness of foster children in Oregon.

Teaming up with local Heroes like the O-Heroes University of Oregon athletes, the Eugene/Springfield Fire Department, and the Science Factory, we hope transform local boys into Heroes for just one day!

The cost is FREE for foster boys and 50 dollars for community boys!

[Register your Hero Here!](#)

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