



YouthFriends

Affordable. Effective. Efficient. YouthFriends School-Based Mentoring.

COMPELLING MISSION

YouthFriends, in partnership with school districts, connects young people with caring adult volunteers in schools to promote success, encourage healthy behaviors and build stronger communities. YouthFriends was created in 1995 as an initiative of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation. It accomplishes its mission by providing free, comprehensive technical assistance to school districts in Greater Kansas City seeking to initiate and manage successful school-based mentoring efforts.

STRONG IMPACT

Independent evaluations show that students with YouthFriends demonstrate improvements in academics, behavior, attitudes toward themselves and others and connectedness to school—an important predictor of graduation rates. When taken to scale, YouthFriends school-based mentoring not only changes the outcome for the individual student, but the classroom, school and broader community.

IMPRESSIVE SCALE

YouthFriends has undergone steady growth since 1995 and its original 142 volunteers. Currently, YouthFriends partners with more than 29 school districts across the Greater Kansas City area. As a result of YouthFriends support, these districts have:

	Annual	Cumulative
Screened, Trained and Placed Mentors	3,974	20,425
Young People Served (one-to-one small groups)	23,818	270,904
Volunteer Hours	86,223	900,702
Value of Volunteer Hours	\$1,797,751	\$16,436,280

EXCELLENT ENGAGEMENT IN COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS

- Promoting dialogue, engagement and service with community members
- Demonstrating the concept that youth development belongs to the entire community
- Providing additional connections for business partnerships

MEETING STRATEGIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

- Flexible system that can be tailored to best fit needs and strategic objectives
- State of the art documentation system
- Outstanding technical assistance and support
- Notable risk management

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Imagine the impact of 4,000 volunteer mentors. In schools.

Making the difference for kids.

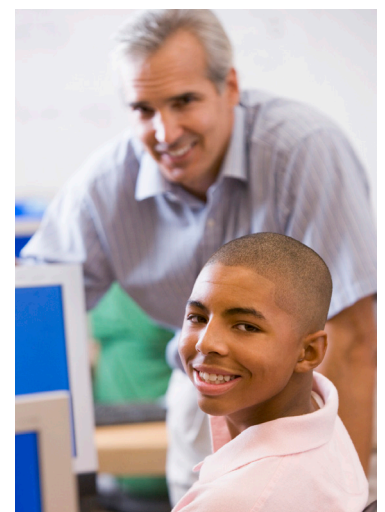
It happens.

Every day.

See how.

See why.

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