



## **SKC Partners with YouthFriends**

Understanding the importance of mentors in kids' lives, Kelly, Tray and Charlie are thrilled to announce SKC's partnership with YouthFriends, a nationally recognized mentoring network in the Kansas City area. With this new partnership, SKC employees will have the opportunity give back to the community and make a difference in the life of a young person.

A kick-off meeting for the program will be held on Wednesday, December 19. This meeting will be mandatory for all SKC employees. From 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., each department will participate in one of three 45-minute sessions. The agenda is as follows:

11:00 to 11:45 – Inside Sales, Marketing, Purchasing, Sales Support, and HR

11:45 to 12:30 – Account Executives, Sales Managers, Avaya (Jeff's team)

12:30 to 1:15 – Warehouse, Integration (Monti and Jason's teams), Accounting, Video Tech

**A luncheon catered by Paulo and Bills will be provided during each kick-off session.**

Just by listening and encouraging, mentors can enhance students' skills and confidence that might not otherwise be acquired. One hour a week is all the time it takes to make an impact in a child's life. **The best part: Your one hour per week investment will take place during our regular work hours, so it will not require a commitment of your time outside the office.**

Another great aspect of YouthFriends is that the organization is able to work individually with each volunteer in order to accommodate individual interests and busy schedules. For example, volunteers can choose the age group they enjoy spending time with the most and choose a school that is close to their work or home. Mentors can also choose a specific area of education on which they would like to focus, such as reading or learning English.

The saying that our kids are our future may be cliché, but its truthfulness of the statement still stands. SKC is looking forward to much success with this partnership and the opportunity it will provide for Kansas City kids.

**Please click on the link to read a Kansas City Star article written by a recent YouthFriends' mentor and also the YouthFriends' introductory flyer to further explore this great organization.**

