



Employer Partners

What are YouthFriends Employer Partners?

- YouthFriends Employer Partners are area businesses and organizations that encourage their employees to volunteer as YouthFriends.
- YouthFriends is a school-based mentoring effort that connects caring adult volunteers with young people in grades K-12 across the Greater Kansas City metropolitan area.
- More than 100 businesses large and small are YouthFriends Employer Partners.

What are the benefits to YouthFriends Employer Partners?

- YouthFriends provides a convenient, economical and effective way for area employers to give back to the community.
- National studies show that corporate volunteer programs improve employee morale and job retention as well as benefit corporate strategic goals.**
- YouthFriends is a fun, flexible way for employees to get involved with young people.
- Evaluations show that YouthFriends volunteers make a difference. Students with YouthFriends show improvements in attendance, behavior and attitude, academics and interaction with peers.

How Does YouthFriends Support Its Employer Partners?

- YouthFriends has developed an Employer Partner Handbook to provide businesses all the information they need to implement a YouthFriends workplace effort. This A-Z guide includes easy to use communications templates—flyers, newsletter articles, even e-mail—to create internal awareness and facilitate employee recruitment.
- YouthFriends provides work-place recruitment and information sessions as well as onsite-training sessions for groups of ten or more.
- YouthFriends tracks employees' volunteer hours and provides employers with detailed reports on a quarterly and annual basis.

What does YouthFriends do for employees?

- YouthFriends makes it easy to volunteer with flexible scheduling and locations near a volunteer's home or work.
- Employees can choose from a wide menu of volunteer opportunities, ranging from one-to-one to group activities. Options range from being a lunch buddy, an e-mentor, a career counselor, a reading buddy or working with a group of students in a math or computer class. The opportunities are endless!
- Your employees can volunteer individually or "adopt" a nearby school for group mentoring activities.

For more information, contact YouthFriends at 816.842.7082 or visit www.youthfriends.org

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