



Chippewa Area Mentor Program

Celebrating 26 years of life-changing friendships!

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Dear friend of the Chippewa Area Mentor Program,

I am in awe when I think of the humble beginnings of the Chippewa Area Mentor Program. It was the summer of 1988 when six members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church offered themselves to their neighbor (the Chippewa Falls Middle School) to "help wherever needed." In a leap of trust, the principal, Tom Welch, revealed his concern for the growing number of good kids that seemed to be "falling through the cracks" despite the best efforts of the school district. He suggested that these kids could make it if they just had an adult who encouraged them on a regular basis...a friend...a mentor. In 1989, the partnership began and the Chippewa Area Mentor Program has been changing lives ever since!

We are proud of the way our community supports its children and are proud of our accomplishments. We believe kids will always benefit from caring adults, and communities will always profit when kids and adults connect.

By giving to the Mentor Program, you are investing in the lives of children "on the brink of success." Please consider a donation to the Mentor Program, we appreciate your support in any amount you are able to give.

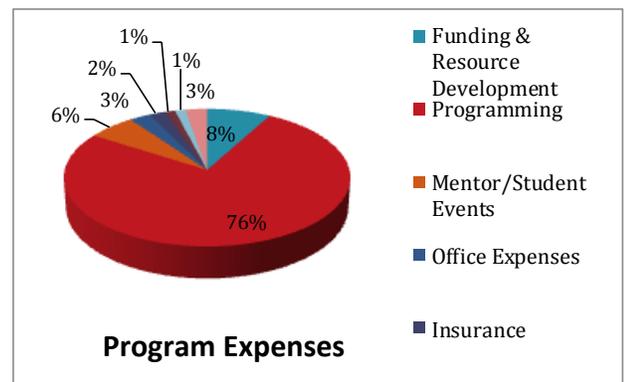
Thank you for being a part of The Chippewa Area Mentor Program and its amazing history.

Sincerely,

Kayla Midthun

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Program Director



Program Statistics

- 216 students were matched with a mentor during the 2014-15 school year
- Over 180 community members serve as mentors to one or more students.
- Our average match length is 3.5 years!
- The Mentor Program operates on an annual budget of \$90,000, and is currently funded by the CFAUSD, Rutledge Charities, and local businesses, service clubs, churches, and individuals.

Mission

The Chippewa Area Mentor Program, in partnership with the community, is committed to strengthening students' social and emotional growth through one-on-one matching with caring and responsible role models.



Charitable giving is an individual, personal, and/or family decision. No matter the amount or method of giving, your gift will make a lasting difference for children of Chippewa Falls. Any gift to the Mentor Program may be made in honor or in memory of a special person or event. The Mentor Program will accept the following types of gifts:

- Cash
- Bequests and Beneficiary Designation
- Life Income Gifts

The Chippewa Area Mentor Program has three different funds to which you may contribute. Each fund has a unique purpose to help us serve students.

General Program Fund: Donations to the general fund are used to support the daily operations of the Mentor Program which include, mentor recruitment, screening, and training, supporting mentor/student matches, mentor/student events, and other daily expenses.

Endowment Fund: In May 2004, the Mentor Program Advisory Board took a bold step to start the Mentor Program Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is our way to promote and ensure sustainable funding to continue our mission now and forever!

Scholarship Endowment: The Chippewa Area Mentor Program Scholarship was established in 2000 with contributions from community donors. In 2007, the Mentor Program established an Endowment Fund for scholarship donations; ensuring scholarships for program participants for years to come.

The Mentor Program Scholarship is awarded to students who have been mentored for at least one year during their K-12 education, through the Chippewa Area Mentor Program. Students earning a diploma or GED are eligible to apply. The scholarship amount is \$500 and is renewable.

My mentor always encouraged me to do things that would be a challenge for me, because she wanted what was best for me. She always encourages me to do stuff I don't think I can do. And even today I go to her when I need advice and support in decisions. I am so grateful for the Mentor Program for pairing me not just with a mentor, but with a lifelong friend...

-Mentor Program Graduate

“I strongly believe in the Mentor Program because of personal experiences with my mentor. He helped me discover who I am. My mentor was kind and caring and seemed to enjoy spending time with me as much as I did with him. He played a supportive and encouraging role in helping me understand the importance of education. His calm demeanor was just what I needed to motivate me without causing unnecessary stress.”

-Former Mentee



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