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GRAND AREA MENTORING COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassion of its members.” —Coretta Scott King

Grand County School District



A Year of Growth: Expanding Opportunities for Youth

The 2025–2026 school year has been a period of strong growth for Grand Area Mentoring.

Following the natural closure of many matches last year, the program set a goal of creating 20 new matches. To date, 24 new matches have been established—the highest number in a single school year in program history.

Each match represents a meaningful connection: a young person paired with a consistent, supportive adult.

This progress reflects a broad and coordinated recruitment effort. Outreach included expanded newspaper advertising,

feature stories, community booths at local events and businesses, and direct invitations encouraging current volunteers to recruit friends.

Several experienced mentors returned to the program, while new volunteers connected through online outreach and word-of-mouth referrals.

These combined efforts have strengthened both the size and quality of the program.

Mentored students continue to demonstrate strong outcomes, including improved attendance, higher grades, fewer

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One Day in May: Wednesday, May 6th – Please Give!

Each spring, our community comes together for One Day in May—a 24-hour online fundraiser that supports mentoring relationships all year long.

Last year, supporters gave generously, exceeding our goal in a single day. Funds help provide mentee scholarships, program supplies, and the recruitment and training of new mentors.

This year, our goal is \$3,000. Every gift—large or small—helps create opportunities for connection, growth, and support. Whether it’s sharing a game, working on homework, or simply spending time together, these moments matter.

The breadth of participation is special.

Many donors give for the first time, while others continue their ongoing support from across the world, chipping in monthly or with a specific contribution.

When One Day in May arrives, we hope you’ll join us. Your participation helps ensure more young people are matched with a consistent, caring adult.

Contributions made during the campaign, culminating on May 6th, will count toward the total! >> grandmentoring.org/may

**Help One Day
in May
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About GrandAM...

This is Grand Area Mentoring's 21st year of service. Adult mentors meet one-on-one with local students to provide care, encouragement, and new opportunities.



Matches like this one meet each week at school. Sometimes they shoot baskets outside. Other days they work on homework or just sit and talk. Over time, what started as something new has become something steady—a relationship built on trust, consistency, and showing up.

Consistency makes a difference. Mentored students get along better with others, attend school more regularly, earn higher grades, and report feeling more confident and supported. 100% of parents report their mentored child is happier.

Grand Area Mentoring is dedicated to expanding mentoring in Moab.

Mentoring Heroes: Consistency in Monthly Giving

A strong mentoring program depends on something steady: consistent support.

Our *Mentoring Heroes* are monthly donors who provide that foundation. By giving a set amount each month, they allow the program to plan ahead, respond to needs, and focus on building strong mentoring relationships.

Monthly giving is simple and flexible. A recurring gift of \$10, \$25, or \$50 grows over time, helping fund mentor recruitment, training, match support, and program activities. At Grand Area Mentoring, it costs about \$2,000 to support a single match.

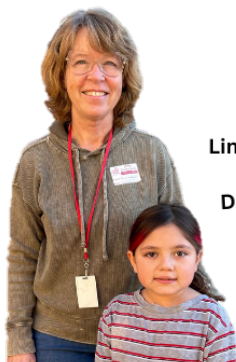
Just as mentoring itself relies on consistency, monthly giving reflects the same principle—showing up regularly and investing in long-term impact.

Individually, these gifts are manageable. Together, they add up to something powerful—supporting stronger school attendance, improved academic performance, and increased confidence among students.

Mentoring Heroes are recognized in our annual report and other publications and are part of an esteemed group supporting local youth.

We've recently moved to a new, secure giving platform (Blowerang/Qgiv) to make monthly donations easier to manage. Current donors using PayPal or Mightycause are encouraged to consider switching when convenient.

For those looking to deepen their impact, becoming a Mentoring Hero is one of the most effective ways to contribute.



Behind every strong mentoring match is consistent support. These Mentoring Heroes make that possible—month after month, year after year.

Year of Growth (continued from front)

...behavioral issues, and increased overall wellbeing.

Despite this progress, the need for mentors remains. A number of students are still on the waiting list, hoping to be matched.

Looking ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, recruitment efforts will continue.

The next **New Mentor Orientation** will be held on **September 29th from 5:15–7:00 PM**. RSVP is appreciated.

Those interested in registering or learning more are encouraged to contact:

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One consistent hour each week can make a lasting difference in a young person's life.



Look for our June update, where we'll share early results from this school year and the impact of your support!