June 10, 2021

Dear Grand Area Mentoring Supporter,

It was long odds, but the 2020/2021 school year brought good things to the mentored children of Moab. While observing covid safety protocols, mentors logged thousands of one-one-one hours with their mentees.

**How did we help?**

Once matched with at-risk youth, mentors helped solve personal problems, taught new skills, listened with genuine interest, and comforted in times of darkness. Can you imagine where you’d be without the mentors of your life? Some children don’t have the great fortune of finding mentors at every turn – or at any turn. That’s where we come in, and that’s where your support makes the difference.

**How did the year measure up?**

As you will see in the attached report, Grand Area Mentoring surpassed every objective set by the Department of Education. What’s more, the program set a record for match length at 3.5 years, an indication of program vitality and impact. Dedicated, responsible mentors are matriculating with their mentees for three, five, and seven+ years, guiding them toward a healthy adulthood.

**You did this.**

As a donor, partner, champion, and friend of Grand Area Mentoring, you have brightened the future for hundreds of children. You don’t need to take our word for it. Here’s the text from two mentee summertime cards that typify the value of the experience:

**Dear S,**

*Thank you for the best year ever! You have helped me in ways my family and friends never have. I am so lucky that you’ve been my mentor since first grade. I hope you’ll want to be my mentor next year.*

**Dear M,**

*I really appreciate when you help me figure out what to do. You’ve very supportive of me and give me a boost since I have mentoring at the beginning of the day. Thank you for being here for me. With love,*

Imagine reaching into a community and helping the children who most need it, kids like these. It’s not just a dream. Your good will, your generosity, and the mentors of Moab are making this happen. Let’s help children thrive once again in the 2021/2022 school year! With all my gratitude and admiration, I wish you a happy summer.

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