

Testimonial – Mary Jones

"Our daughter, and only child, went away to college three years ago leaving a big hole in my world. Shortly thereafter, a friend told me about Bridges'"Lunch Buddies" program and urged me to join. Over the last three years, I have had the pleasure of meeting three different second graders. Each new school year starts out with a little hesitancy and shyness, on both of our parts, yet the year ends with a real bond formed between me and my little buddy.

Last year Bridges started a "School Based Mentoring" program and I took that next step. I was matched up with a sweet young girl who was in need of some extra attention in her life. We met at the school and either worked on homework assignments, or played games, or just talked. Once again, a major bond was developing. Over the past summer, I met with my mentee on several occasions and now the "School Based Mentoring" has turned into "Community Based Mentoring".



I believe I am helping to fill a need in this young girl's life and I know that she is helping me fill that hole in my world.

Thank you, Bridges, for making this possible."

From Liz –

Well, having Mary around to help is great because she helps me improve in school. My mom thinks that she is great too..... I am glad I am matched with her. It makes me happy to be with Mary ... ever since my dad died, I thought no one would bring the sun in my life again, but Mary did.