

Making a Difference

Can mentoring really make a difference in a kid's life?

Well – ask James, who at age 22 is attending college with the goal of being a math teacher. He's engaged to be married (but they're waiting till all their schooling is complete). He writes "Without Bridges, I'm not sure what my life would be like right now. The guidance and support throughout the entire program has been more than anything I expected. I have overcome huge life obstacles with the support of my mentors. When my brother passed away three years ago, I knew how to handle the situation appropriately (by staying in school and fighting through the tears). I give my biggest and warmest thanks to all of you who helped make it happen. I have been shown valuable life skills by my mentors, and I don't know how to thank you all for everything."

James was mentored by Randy and Kathy McCarty for over 6 years. They continue to be very close. Though theirs was a long term mentoring relationship, it started with a commitment on their part to be a mentor for one year, agreeing to meet with James a minimum of 6 hours a month. That is the first and only commitment we ask of a potential mentor. Some matches may end after a year, many will continue for another year or even longer. We encourage you to take that first step.



Be a mentor for one year. That's all we ask.