



# Become a Mentor



## Answer the Call!

Celebrate National Mentoring Month all year by becoming a mentor!

We hope that during this National Mentoring Month, you have found a way to get involved by taking action and expanding your universe!

Last year, more than 500,000 individuals across the country responded to January's National Mentoring Month campaign by seeking information through 45 Local Lead Partners about local mentoring programs in need of more volunteers.

**In 2009, Bay Area Mentoring programs matched more than 3,000 children and youth, but they need at least half that many more in 2010 for those waiting to be matched.**

Do your part today and continue to support local youth mentoring efforts by becoming a mentor, supporting a program, or continuing to tell everyone you know about the importance of mentoring young people, just as these mentors have done:

*"I feel like my heart grew two sizes. I feel like my life has been so enriched, and I feel so rewarded. It's just wonderful."*

*"I didn't expect that I would have as much fun as I've had or enjoy his company so much. I thought it would be more work. It has not been work. It has been more like a pleasure. He makes me so happy."*

*"It's so amazing that life is so hard for some kids, and amazing that my mentee had the strength of character to find her way though the challenges her life threw at her. I am in awe of her and glad I had the chance to meet her."*

*"My mentee has helped me have perspective in my life. My toughest days at work pales in comparison to one of his less than perfect days."*

*"I've had to give some things up to make time for her, and I'm always glad that I did. I'm happier because I make the time to do happy things for her and with her. My heart is so full from spending time with her."*

**During this National Mentoring Month, find a way to get involved.  
Take action. Expand your universe!**

Please forward this newsletter to others who may find this information valuable. Thank you for your support of our work and look for National Mentoring Month 2011 blasts next year!

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