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## STORY Mentoring Program Information Sheet

### Program Description

**What?** | The STORY Mentoring Program pairs an adult mentor with a child in need for the purpose of building a supportive relationship. Participants have the opportunity to engage in pre-planned activities or structure their own time together.



**Who?** | STORY serves low-income youth served by the Hopewell Redevelopment & Housing Authority.

**Where?** | Mentoring sessions take place at the Thomas Rolfe Court Community Center (239 South 8th Avenue, Hopewell, VA 23860).

**When?** | Mentoring sessions occur biweekly, with Friday evening or Saturday afternoon options to fit your schedule.

**Commitment?** | 9 months (one academic year), with a check-in after 4 months to ensure all parties wish to continue participating in the program.

**Training?** | Provided by STORY, and required before beginning the program.

### Program Goals

The STORY Mentoring Program aims to facilitate the development of healthy, caring relationships between youth and non-parent adults. The more guidance and support a child has, the more likely they are to lead successful, fulfilling lives of purpose beyond the reach of poverty.

### Why Mentor a Child?

By becoming a mentor, you join a growing network of engaged adults who care about youth, increasing the likelihood that children in our community will do well in school, take on leadership positions, volunteer in the community, participate in extracurricular activities, graduate from college, avoid entering the criminal justice system, and grow into healthy, contributing members of the community.



### Organization Contacts

**Interested in Mentoring? Email/Call Sarah to Sign-Up!**

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## Mentor Role Description

*Youth who are most in need of a mentor are least likely to have one. STORY is working to make sure that any child who asks for a mentor in their life has one.*

### The Mentor Role

Mentors have the opportunity to:

- Spend 4+ hours per month with a youth they are specially matched with
- Engage their mentee in fun pre-planned or self-planned activities
- Build a supportive, healthy relationship with a youth
- Offer companionship and guidance to a youth who needs it
- Collaborate with program staff and parents to ensure safety and success

### Commitments

Mentors are asked to:

- Serve for 9 months, with a check-in after 4 months
- Meet with a youth 4+ hours per month for activities
- Attend a training session before starting service

### Qualifications

Mentors should:

- Be willing and excited to spend time with a youth
- Be 18 years or older
- Pass a background check



### Benefits of Volunteer Service

By mentoring with STORY, you can:

- Make an investment in the future leaders of our community: our youth!
- Experience the joy of building a relationship with a youth and helping them realize their potential
- Pay homage to the mentor who made a difference in your life while boosting your mood and health