

VOLUNTEER E-MENTORING PROGRAM

OUR MISSION

Tuesday's Children provides a lifetime of healing for families whose lives have been forever changed by terrorism, military conflict and traumatic loss.



Ian and Nick
Mentor and Mentee for 9 years

Ian (mentor) and Nick (mentee) at age 10

Searching for a dedicated adult role model to support your child as he or she grows?

Tuesday's Children provides a mentoring program for Gold Star children and siblings designed to be a resource for interested families of children 6-18 years old.

Experts in the field of child development, grief/bereavement and child safety have guided Tuesday's Children to build a well-established and highly impactful Mentoring Program that can change the trajectory of your child's life. Mentors can offer advice, share life experiences, help a young person navigate challenges and have fun!

Volunteers are recruited, screened, trained and managed by a professional staff to safeguard that every adult is committed to and qualified for playing an active role in the nurturing of a child. We will work with Gold Star families such as yourself to ensure that both you and your child is prepared for the commitment to the Mentoring Program. Matches between a mentor and a child are made based on common interests, personality traits and similar schedules.



Ian and Nick at age 11



Ian and Nick at age 13



Nick at age 19

WHO IS ELIGIBLE

Children ages 6-18* whose fallen parent or sibling served in the military post 9/11 and live outside the service area. Those who live outside the New York City Metro Area, the Fayetteville, NC area or the San Antonio, TX area are eligible for in-person mentoring.

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF A MENTOR

Studies show that mentoring in youths reduces their risk of participating in risky behaviors, lessens depressive symptoms, can reduce truancy and children with Mentors are more likely to participate in extracurricular activities. Mentoring promotes positive social attitudes and children tend to have a higher level of trust with their surviving solo parent.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

A staff member from Tuesday's Children will contact you to answer your questions and plan a time to connect by phone or live chat. Conversations with staff can take about 2 hours so we can learn more about you. You will be kept updated as Tuesday's Children uses our internal channels to find the right fit, in a mentor, for your child. Tuesday's Children expects anyone participating in the mentoring program to be able to continue beyond the minimum commitment past one year. The longer the child is mentored the higher the positive impact.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FROM EACH GOLD STAR FAMILY

Commit to connecting weekly via a digital platform with the mentor. Be involved in the communication with the staff at Tuesday's Children and with the mentor who is volunteering to be a part of your child's life.

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS

Contact Senior Director of Mentoring, Sara, at sara@tuesdayschildren.org to start this exciting process!

*Recommended enrollment years are 6-16 years old.

For more information, call 212-332-2980 or email mentoring@tuesdayschildren.org.

MENTORSHIP THROUGH THE DECADE: THE STORY OF IAN AND NICK

Ian and Nick were matched in 2006 in Rockland County, NY. Ian, an attorney, wanted to be more involved with the community. Nick, who lost his father (an NYPD ESU officer) on 9/11, was seeking a companion with whom to watch football and play video games.

Throughout the years, Nick and Ian have skated in Rockefeller Center, watched and played football and baseball, and had the opportunity to meet various members of the NY Yankees, including the great Mariano Rivera. Ian supported from the sidelines as Nick became a starting football player and Ian was honored that Nick's Mom attended his wedding. Nick had expressed early on that he wanted to serve in our armed forces and is now proudly serving in the U.S. Marines.