

VOLUNTEER YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM

OUR MISSION

Tuesday's Children provides a lifetime of healing for families who have been forever changed by terrorism, military conflict or mass violence.

What Makes Tuesday's Children's Youth Mentoring Program Unique?

1. Child safety is paramount

We train and screen our volunteers from our first point of contact with them throughout the length of a mentoring match with a child. We extensively train all our mentors on best practices in child protection, and our mentor screening is more rigorous than the national standard, including an in-person interview, a minimum of four references, three different types of background checks and more. Not every volunteer who applies is matched with a child.

2. There is no program fee

Our Mentoring program is made possible by foundation, corporate and individual donor dollars. Volunteers do not pay application or screening costs, and families are not charged for the program. We encourage our mentors and mentees to think creatively about activities that they can engage in that are at minimal cost. Whenever possible, Tuesday's Children looks to secure free tickets and event passes for our matches.

3. Data shows the impact of mentoring

Studies have proven that a young person who has a mentor has a lower risk of participating in risky behaviors, has less depressive symptoms and is more likely to participate in extracurricular activities. Mentoring promotes positive social attitudes and creates a higher level of trust with the surviving parent and siblings.

4. Mentors gravitate to Tuesday's Children to make a difference

Our mentors make this program possible and are positive agents of change for our grieving children. Every volunteer gives at least eight hours a month to be an adult support system for a very special child.

5. We set our matches up for success

We take pride in customizing each friendship based on common interests, personality traits and geographical considerations. Like all things at Tuesday's Children, we customize for success!

6. Mentoring is the cornerstone of Tuesday's Children's programs

We are proud to offer Military Families of the Fallen the same evidence-based programs that were so successful for the families who lost loved ones on Tuesday, September 11th. Our track record shows that our programs are effective, innovative and safe.

7. Our team is professionally trained and available

A successful relationship is built upon trust with the volunteer mentor, the surviving parent and the child. We work together in close contact to share feedback, overcome challenges and celebrate triumphs.

8. Our staff is accessible and will travel when needed

We visit each family's home for the initial interview to make the program convenient for the family. We make sure that match introductions are made in a place, and at a time and location, that is appropriate for all.

9. Our matches exceed the national mentoring average

The minimum commitment for a mentee and mentor is a year but nearly all of our matches last much longer. Each friendship meets twice a month to ensure that the pair grows and develops together.

10. We are honored to do this work

We are very grateful to all the volunteers who make this program possible. Tuesday's Children is humbled by the families that trust us and welcome us into their lives.

Ian and Nick
Mentor and Mentee for 9 years

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Thank you to our partners who make this program possible.



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