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January's Mentor Monthly Update



"You know, in every phase of my life, whether I was in high school or Princeton or Harvard or working for the city or working at the hospital, I was always looking for somebody to mentor. I was looking for a way to reach out into my neighborhood and my community and pull somebody else along with me, because I thought, there but for the grace of God go I. I know I could be in a different situation from somebody else. So my job is to bring other people along."

-Michelle Obama

Hello everyone,

JANUARY IS NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH!

That means two things:

1) We want to show you and your mentee how much we appreciate you by inviting you to the annual Go-Betweener Mentoring Program Party on **Saturday, January 29th!** THIS EVENT IS GOING TO BE A BLAST and we want all of you to come with your mentees. You will be receiving an invite with all of the details later this week, but act NOW - call your mentee and their family and invite them to the party!

2) We are looking for more great mentors like you! Let everyone know about the program and help us find more great mentors for the kids on our waiting list. If you have not received our promotional materials, just ask and you will receive flyers and handouts.

Also, try posting a link to our [website](#) on your facebook or twitter about the program and let me know who is interested so that they can get involved! Thank you all for your help and support. Together, we can grow this great program to reach more and more immigrant youth in metro-Atlanta!

Now, take a minute to check out other great opportunities below!

Happy New Year and enjoy the snow!

-Nick Cheadle, Go-Betweeners Mentoring Program Manager

More Upcoming Events - We Need Your Input!

Educational Workshop:

March 6, 2010

Following the success of The Healthy Lifestyles Workshop, the Go-Betweeners Mentoring Program will hold its second educational workshop on March 6th. We want to make this workshop as useful as possible for participants, and are currently taking suggestions for topics for this workshop. Please contact Nick or Vineeta if there is a topic that you or your mentee would like to learn more about! Proposed topics thus far include Goal Setting and Confidence Building, Financial Literacy, Life After High School, and Healthy Relationships.

Meet the World in Atlanta:

March 26, 2011, 6:00-10:00pm

Join us in celebrating the diversity of Atlanta while learning more about Culture Connect, enjoying international music and cuisine, and having a great time at our annual fundraising event.

Share Your Story

Culture Connect has two great opportunities for you and your mentee to share your story!

[StoryCorps](#) has studios right here in Atlanta where you and your mentee can go to record a conversation. From the StoryCorps website: "StoryCorps is an independent nonprofit whose mission is to provide Americans of all backgrounds and beliefs with the opportunity to record, share, and preserve the stories of our lives. Each conversation is recorded on a free CD to share, and is preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress."

Culture Connect's Education and Advocacy Blog is intended to provide members of the Atlanta community with an open forum that will allow them to engage at a personal level and learn more about the cultural, linguistic, and immigration issues of our community. The blog will feature testimonials by Mentors and Mentees in our Go-Betweeners Mentoring Program, reflections by interpreters and volunteers, cultural book reviews, as well as pieces by local students on issues pertaining to immigration in Atlanta, language access, and cultural competency.

To participate in either of these ways to share your story and deepen your relationship with your mentee, please email Nick Cheadle.

Mentor Trainings Saturday, January 15th in Decatur and Saturday January 22nd in Powder Springs!

Don't miss out on our next mentor training! This training is **mandatory** for all new mentors. Training is a great way to meet other mentors and learn from one another's experiences. The sooner you are able to attend a training the sooner you

will be making a difference in the life of a child!

Saturday, January 15, 2011- 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Culture Connect Office.

4151 Memorial Drive, Suite 207E

Decatur, GA 30032

Saturday, January 22, 2011- 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Success for All Students Office

5077 Dallas Highway, Suite 115

Powder Springs, GA 30127

Please RSVP to Nick Cheadle, Go-Betweener Mentoring Program Manager

nick.cheadle@cultureconnectinc.org or call (404) 825-8145 if you plan to attend one of these training sessions.

If you have not already done so, please turn in your application and arrange for an interview as soon as possible so that you will be able to attend this training! We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have any questions about the Go-Betweener Mentoring Program please do not hesitate to call or email Nick Cheadle (Cobb) or Vineeta Kapahi (DeKalb and Gwinnett). Updated contact information listed below.

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