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Greetings Caroline,

**" One thing I know; the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve."
~ Albert Schweitzer**

Hello everyone! At this time we would like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you who has contributed to the Go-Betweener™ Mentoring Program. Whether you are a mentor who is matched with a mentee, one waiting to be matched, or someone thinking of joining the program we cannot thank you enough. Also thanks to all the community partners who make this program possible. If you have still not decided if you would like to participate as a mentor do not hesitate, send in your application now! Many can attest that mentoring a child is one of the most rewarding experiences that you may have. These kids need your help!

Mentor Training Rescheduled

The Go-Betweener™ Mentor Training has been rescheduled in order to make sure that more potential mentors will be able to attend. Please remember that this training is MANDATORY for all untrained mentors. It is the last step in the process of becoming a mentor for Culture Connect. That means that once this training is over you will be ready to be matched with a youth who needs your help and guidance.

What: Mentor Training

Where: Culture Connect, Inc., 4151 Memorial Drive, Suite 207E, Decatur, GA 30032

When: Saturday, March 20th, 12:00-3:00pm

Snacks will be provided!

If you have not already submitted your application or met with Hannah Manley for an interview please do this as soon as possible. These must be taken care of before you attend the training. Also, please bring the following items to the training:

- Driver's License
- Proof of Auto Insurance
- Current Motor Vehicle Report (Can be obtained at the Department of Driver Services)



Please let us know whether or not you will be able to attend by Friday, March 12th. We look forward to seeing you there!

[click here for application](#)

Issues Facing Immigrant and Refugee Youth

Did you know that one-fifth of the children in America have immigrant parents. These youth have a diversity of personalities and strengths, yet they face vulnerability in a number of difficult situations. Community exclusion, socio-economic deprivation, family separation, and generational/cultural differences within the family are common challenges facing immigrant youth.

In MENTOR'S Article "Mentoring Immigrant Youth" they outline several ways that mentors can help their immigrant mentees who may struggle from stresses related to exclusion, poverty, separation and strain in parent-child relationships:

- **Complement** -- Mentors can alleviate some of the stress in the relationship, while reinforcing parental values about education and behavior. If the mentor is of the same ethnic background as the youth, he or she can interpret the rules of engagement of the new culture to parents and hence, help to soften cultural rigidities.
- **Compensate** -- Since immigrant adolescents' parents and other adult relatives may be unavailable due to long work hours or emotional distress, the guidance and affection of a mentor may help to fill the void created by parental absence.
- **Bridge** -- As an adult who has been in the United States longer than the mentee, the mentor can also provide information about and exposure to American cultural and educational institutions. The mentor can also help the mentee negotiate transitions.
- **Foster identity development** -- Mentors, particularly those who share similar backgrounds with their mentees, can serve as role models in the challenging process of developing a bicultural identity. They can exemplify the ways in which the youth can preserve and celebrate elements of the ethnic identity while still incorporating features of the more mainstream culture of the United States.

[for the full article click here](#)



Activities for You and Your Mentee

Several different organizations have generously offered either free admission or reduced ticket prices to their attractions for participants in our mentoring program! Check it out!

The Atlanta Contemporary Art Center

FREE (they will have a list of all mentor names at the front desk)

535 Means Street Northwest

Atlanta, GA 30318

"The Atlanta Contemporary Art Center, founded in 1973 as a grassroots artist's cooperative known as Nexus, is a dynamic non-collecting arts institution that plays a vital role in Atlanta's cultural landscape. We exhibit the work of consequential artists from local, regional, national, and international art scenes, creating in various media, and exploring a broad range of content. We pay particular attention to artists who have not had significant exhibitions in the Southeast."

The Atlanta Botanical Gardens

\$10 for Adults and \$7 for Ages 3-17

Let us know beforehand when you would like to go and we can get the tickets for you.

1345 Piedmont Ave. NE

Atlanta, GA 30309

This is a great way to spend a sunny afternoon. Learn about different flowers and plants and enjoy the beauty of the city.

The Shakespeare Tavern

\$10 Balcony Tickets for Thursday Nights

Let us know beforehand when you would like to go and we can get the tickets for you.

499 Peachtree St NE

Atlanta GA 30308

King Lear is playing now!

If you have any questions about the Go-Betweener™ Mentoring Program please do not hesitate to call or email Hannah Manley, Volunteer Coordinator for Culture Connect.

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