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Greetings {FIRST\_NAME},

**What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us. What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.**

*~ Albert Pine, American Author 1861–1937*

Thank you mentors for all of your hard work! Welcome new mentors!

Please remember to keep entering your match activities into MentorPRO. This is *very* important to the program. Without these entries we cannot track the success of the program. You can log in here: [MentorPRO Login](#). Please let me know if you have any difficulties logging in or entering your match activities.

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## Upcoming Mentor Training for New Mentors

**Mentors that have not yet gone through our mentor training this is for you!**

I am working on scheduling another mentor training for the end of this month or the beginning of next month. This training is required for *all* mentors who would like to participate in our program. It is really important that you attend this month's training so that we can match you with a needy child as soon as possible. Also if you have not yet sent in your application or scheduled an interview do this ASAP. These two things must be done before you attend the training!

[Let me know what dates work for you by clicking here!](#)

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## Minnesota Man Rollerblades to D.C. for Mentoring

From mentoring.org September 1, 2009:

These are the words Gary Walters wrote on his blog August 8, the day he began rollerblading 1,300 miles from Brainerd, Minnesota, to Washington, D.C., to promote mentoring: "The reason for all these events is that if good people give a little to a kid, then our world will be better."

Gary's rollerblading odyssey is the latest in his series of feats to raise money and awareness for his local youth mentoring program – Kinship Partners, Inc. – and for mentoring in general. To date, contributions total almost \$9,000.

Kinship Partners is a part of the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota's network of more than 500 mentoring programs. "We have to applaud Gary and his family for their commitment to recruiting mentors for youth who would really benefit from a mentoring relationship," said Judith Kahn, interim executive director of the Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota. "Sometimes it takes extraordinary actions by ordinary people to get the message across – that not everyone can (or would want to!) rollerblade across the country, but everyone can be a positive force in the life of a child."

Over the past six years, Gary's activities have included biking from New Orleans to Brainerd, walking across Minnesota and living on the local, historic water tower for nine days. Each challenge has raised between \$7,000 and \$25,000 for Kinship Partners. This trip, which Gary is making with his 15-year-old son rollerblading by his side and his wife and daughter following in a vehicle, will end September 9, when U.S. Rep. Jim Oberstar (D-Minn.) meets him on the steps of the U.S. Capitol building.

Along the way, Gary is meeting with mentoring groups and getting as much publicity as possible. When he returns home, he will go back to his insurance business.



Another blog entry reads: "Kids are the future of our world, and all kids need the guidance and love of an adult. Some don't get this at home, or at least not enough. Thus mentoring programs are there to fill the gap."

[For more information click here.](#)

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Please call or email me with any questions regarding the Go-Between Program.

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