

January 2010 E-newsletter

Happy New Year!

As we begin 2010, we are excited to announce that we are starting a new mentoring program at Harper Woods High School this month. Thank you for all you do to make this possible!

For Thursday, January 14th at 5:15pm, we need 10 more volunteers to assist us at a Detroit Red Wings Game selling 50/50 raffle tickets. We finish after the first period, and then you receive a ticket to stay for the game! You can bring a guest with you to help. Please email me at kris@winningfutures.org if you are interested.

On Friday, January 15th, Fusion is hosting their Unveiled event and we are one of the benefiting charities. It is at Loft 151 in Detroit starting at 9pm. Click [here](#) for more details.

With gratitude,
Kris Marshall
President & CEO

Scholarship Volunteers Needed



Are you seeking an opportunity to give back, but don't know where to look? Look no further.

We need your help reviewing our 2010 scholarship applications. Read essays or participate in student interviews and learn about students' lives, their goals, and the people who inspire them everyday.

We have opportunities for volunteers between the months of February and May. If you have at least two hours to dedicate to students' futures, let us know.

Contact Melinda at (586) 294-8449 or melinda@winningfutures.org and sign up today.

Inspirational Student Success Story

My story is fairly common; I am a student who attends an alternative high school, an opportunity for teens to recover credits that they may have lost due to some type of obstacle in their life. For me, I made some poor choices early on and that is what brought me to where I am today.



When I first learned that I was going to be matched with my mentor, Michael, I was uncertain why and how a complete stranger would want to help me. After a few meetings, I started to look forward to our weekly sessions and he quickly became a go to person that I could talk with, someone who did not judge me, someone who was not afraid to give me straight talk, offer advice and not get upset if I did not take it. I am not sure how he did it, but he was able to help me see that what I do in school will affect my life. For the first time I felt excited about my future. The stranger that I was not so sure about has turned into a friend who motivates me to succeed in and out of school.

My grades have improved and I no longer get D's and E's and now try to get a B in all my classes. While I don't always get a B, I have learned that it is important to set a goal and do my best to achieve it. My mentor owns a business, and has taught me that it is important to get a job and have a great work ethic. I am now working 20 hours a week at a fast food restaurant, which is great because I get credit toward graduation for working. Therefore, between school, my job and finishing my community service (school requirement) at a nursing home I stay very busy.

I am grateful that my mentor is in my life to encourage me to always do better, and for the first time I'm really looking forward to graduating from high school so that I can go to truck driving school, and maybe one day start my own business.

*~Floyd, Community High School
(pictured with his mentor Michael Wacht)*



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Wish List

Public Relations

We are seeking a public relations firm or consultant to assist us, pro bono, with press releases and creating newsletters.

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