



The Mentor Monitor

Developing a Culture of Mentoring in Our Community.

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NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH 2009 EVENTS

National Mentoring Month 2009 is approaching! To celebrate this January, there are two upcoming events. Mark your calendars!

- Thank Your Mentor Day Breakfast- January 22, 2009 at 7:45 at the Hilton in Burlington. Watch the mail for an invitation coming to you in early January. Early RSVPs are always welcome! We will use this breakfast to thank current mentors over breakfast by providing:

- Gift giveaways
- A NEW slideshow
- Awards

- Mentoring Expo- Saturday, January 17, 2009, time TBD, at the University Mall in South Burlington. Mobius is hosting a mentoring expo at the mall to bring awareness of mentoring to the community.

To request a Mentor Recognition form to award an outstanding mentor, or to RSVP, contact meredith@mobiusmentors.org.



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MOBIUS IS AWARDED LOCAL MENTORING PARTNERSHIP

Mobius has been awarded Local Mentoring Partnership status with MENTOR/National Mentoring Partnership. MENTOR is the premier national professional organization that advocates for mentoring.

Local Mentoring Partnerships serve as a clearinghouse for mentoring information and resources in their communities. Mentoring Partnerships work with a wide range of

programs within their state or community to:

- § Increase the number of young people with mentors;
- § Increase resources dedicated to mentoring;
- § Promote quality standards for mentoring programs; and
- § Expand mentoring programming and opportunities tailored to the needs and circumstances of young people.

They provide a critical link between MENTOR's national efforts and the local organizations that foster quality mentoring relationships. To be most effective, Mentoring Partnerships are a bi-partisan effort that includes strong involvement from both the public and private sectors.

For Mobius, this means more access to supportive resources in recruitment and training, as well as valuable research materials. Mobius will remain, as always, a local non-profit organization devoted to developing a culture of mentoring in our community.

Learn more about Local Mentoring Partnerships [here](#).



NEW MENTORING OPPORTUNITY IN NORTH END SCHOOLS

Mobius, the Mentoring Movement, the Burlington School District, and Everybody Wins! Vermont formed a coalition to

increase opportunities for mentors to serve in the Lawrence Barnes and H.O. Wheeler Elementary Schools. The coalition has hired Maddie Liebman as an Americorps member to recruit and support new volunteer mentors through five existing mentoring programs: Everybody Wins!, RSVP School Buddies, Foster Grandparents, Mentors for Kids, and UVM's Big Buddies. Maddie will serve as a liaison between parents, children, mentors and the guidance counselors at each school. She will also be serving as the Program Coordinator for the Everybody Wins! programs in both the schools.

"I look forward to catalyzing volunteers who want to help at Lawrence Barnes and H.O. Wheeler Schools. I am excited to guide them through the very inspiring and enriching process of becoming mentors," Maddie said.

School-based mentoring takes place during the school day at the child's school. The mentor meets with his or her mentee to eat lunch, play games, read, etc. for about an hour each week. Everybody Wins! is a literacy-based mentoring program within which a mentor and mentee read and eat lunch together. RSVP School Buddies are mentors 55 and older who are matched with school children as requested by the teacher. The Foster Grandparent Program offers opportunities for adults 60 years of age and older who work with children in the classroom. UVM's Big Buddies program matches college students with school children who demonstrate the need academically for a meaningful mentoring relationship. Mentor matches in Linking Learning to Life's Mentors for Kids program focus on self-esteem building, fun, and building a quality relationship between the mentor and mentee.



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"I am thankful to have had strong mentors in my life, for they have helped to instill in me this passion for creating, and have led me to where I am today."

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To become a mentor at Lawrence Barnes or H.O. Wheeler Schools, contact Mobius, the Mentoring Movement at 658-1888 or meredith@mobiusmentors.org.

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If you have any stories or articles to share with the mentoring community please let us know! The more our community learns about mentoring, the more likely its members are to become mentors. Send in your stories to meredith@mobiusmentors.org or to Burlington Free Press's "My Turn" section to be published (and send us a copy as well). It truly is the stories and real life experiences that get people excited about mentoring, so share your experiences and help Mobius to develop a culture of mentoring in our community!

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