



Enriching Lives.

Quarterly Newsletter

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Does Mentoring Really Work?

Our program is designed to positively impact youth in five primary areas: self-esteem, future orientation, attitudes toward alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, attitudes toward interpersonal violence and delinquency, and bonding. One of the main measurements of success is the PMSEI (Partners Mentoring Services Effectiveness Index). Partners youth take a survey at the beginning of their Partnership and then again at their one-year anniversary. The confidential data in that survey is sent to OMNI research institute in Denver for analysis.

Our most recent PMSEI results show that the Partners Mentoring Youth program positively impacts youth in all of the above areas by achieving statistical significance in the positive direction. Maintaining or improving them between the pre- and post-test demonstrates that the statistical

significance is not due to chance, but is because of the mentoring relationship. Our prevention program is considered a success because of the continuance of low scores and/or change in the positive direction between pre and post in spite of the presence of risk.

Mentoring research suggests that when mentoring organizations follow "best practices" in program implementation, they have a positive effect for youth facing challenges in a variety of areas. Mentoring relationships work through providing positive experiences to counter challenging circumstances. We work hard to ensure that we are following best practices in mentoring and take pride in supporting high-quality mentoring relationships to provide the greatest benefit to the awesome youth we serve!

Senior Partner Donates More Than Time

Although Taylor and Alan come from very different backgrounds, they share a love for art and the outdoors, as well as their Latino heritage. Both Partners have unique perspectives to offer: Alan is fluent in Spanish and Taylor has travelled the world!

When asked why he wanted to be a Senior Partner, Taylor replied that he wanted to "be a good influence and help out, by giving a child a new perspective on the world,



and life." He saw becoming a Senior Partner as a great way to develop his own self, while helping someone else and having fun! Taylor Gallegos is an up-and-coming artist



with a mission to make the world a better place. He recently combined his love for art with his concern for community by making a creative contribution to Partners Mentoring Youth.

Taylor has an art show running from now through June at Enzo's Italian Kitchen in Old Town Fort Collins. The main painting is for sale in an ongoing silent auction, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to Partners.

Taylor and his Junior Partner Alan have been matched for about six months. Together they enjoy bike riding, outdoor activities, movies, hanging out and working on creative projects. Both partners share a contagious enthusiasm and energy for life; they continue to find new and fun activities to share and seem to really enjoy one another's friendship. By spending time together, this Partnership is learning patience, as well as perseverance.

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Activity Highlight

The end of winter brought Partners Mentoring Youth a mix of fun activities. In early February everyone showed off their indoor athletic talent at Chipper's Lanes. A big thanks to Chipper's Lanes for their hospitality. To end February, the popcorn machine, candy and soda were pulled out to turn the Residence Inn in Loveland into its very own movie theatre.



way to have physical activity during a cold winter. Thank you to the Residence Inn and Hampton Inn in Loveland.

In April, Partners Mentoring Youth will be going fishing and participate in an art class at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Fort Collins.

Thank you to all the Activity Volunteers who dedicate their time to pick up and mentor a Nexus Youth at activities! The Nexus activity program is only strong because of great volunteers!

Interested in sponsoring an activity for the Nexus Youth while they are waiting to be matched with a Senior Partner? Contact Jennifer Lanphere at 970-484-7123 x. 21 or jennfer@partnersmentoringyouth.org for more info.



March was kicked off with an afternoon of jewelry making. The Nexus youth and Partnerships turned the lobby of the Hampton Inn into a jewelry class. Everyone made beautiful necklaces and bracelets.

Partnerships and Nexus Youth were brought together at a "Pump it Up" party at the end of March. An obstacle course, basketball, boxing and big slides were just some of the hits at the party. The party was a

Annual Sharin' O' the Green a Success!



Thanks for getting out your gutties and going to Sharin' O' the Green! This year's race was a HUGE success. We raised over \$31,000 and had a record turnout of participants. Despite the cool weather on the morning of March 15th, nearly 900 runners, walkers, plus lots of little leprechauns showed their gusto and ran in their green.

The top overall male finisher was Mark Saunders with a time of 16:20. The top overall female finisher was Nikole Johns with a time of 18:37. Congratulations to Mark and Nikole! With nearly 50 teams participating this year, the competition was steep in this category. The top three finishers for Anheuser-Busch managed to finish just 6 seconds before the next top team North Range. Way to go Anheuser-Busch!

This year was also great for fund raising and we thank all the fund-raisers for their enthusiasm and creativity. Our top fund-raiser was Amy Rohloff and our top fund raising team was Odell Brewing Company. We can't wait to see what fun, exciting things will happen next year! Special thanks to our event sponsors – Public Service Credit Union, Carl's Jr., First National Bank, Clear Channel Radio – My 97.9 and Kiss FM 96.1, Yancey's Food Service, Heath Construction, Dellenbach Motors, Earth Engineering Consultants, Old Town Athletic Club, Gallegos Sanitation, Mugs Coffee Lounge and Vital Link Chiropractic.



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And a special thanks to our Executive Partner:



The 2008 Volunteer Recognition Week

April 27th - May 3rd

As an organization, we rely heavily on volunteers to mentor children, serve on a number of committees and our Board, and provide in-kind services. We strive to quantify what a volunteer means to Partners Mentoring Youth in economic terms and qualify it in terms of professionalism.

In 2007, our volunteers contributed 17,543 hours, valued at \$329,282 (2006 value of volunteer time per independentsector.org is \$18.77/hr).

Of that, 13,696 hours was time a Senior Partner (mentor) spent with their Junior Partner (mentee).

So whether you have given one hour or 100 hours of time to us, it makes an impact on the lives of the children we serve and our bottom line.

Thank you for your support!

Volunteer Spotlight

Scott Gillan

How have you helped out with Partners? I have helped with the races, the triathlons hosted by the Fort Collins Club and clerical work at the Fort Collins office.

What is your most rewarding experience? I think knowing that I am making everyone's jobs a little easier.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor? Chocolate Fudge

Where was the first place you went snowboarding? Loveland, 10 years ago.

What is your favorite thing about Partners? The people!



Partnership Profile (Cristi & Marisol)

I first became interested in the Partners Mentoring Youth program when I graduated from college. No longer driven by classes, exams, and deadlines, and thrown into the modern-day world of work and bills, I found myself unfulfilled for the first time in my life. I had heard of Partners Mentoring Youth during my senior year, and one day I decided to contact them to learn more about the program.

In January of 2007 I met Marisol. I was nervous, but excited. We clicked right away. She is full of spunk and attitude (the GOOD kind), which had earned her the nickname "Sauce". And though young, she shows an optimism and maturity that continues to impress me. One of the best things about being a Senior Partner is the activities you do that you would have never done otherwise. It reminds you to enjoy the simple pleasures that you enjoyed as a kid. Some of our activities together have included simple things like going to the grocery store (where she runs the show at checkout), watching movies and playing video games, going for ice cream or making our own sundaes (I now have more sprinkles and ice cream toppings then I know what to do with) or cooking



meals at my house (she makes better pancakes than I do). This summer we also rode the go-carts at Fort fun, which is the first time I have done that since I was about her age, and it was a blast. Though it seems like a simple friendship, my relationship with Marisol has become one of the great joys in my life. It's hard to describe the fulfillment I have received, but it has filled the void and my life is enriched as a result. To anyone who is considering involvement with Partners Mentoring Youth, I say this: three hours per week is so easy to find when you are spending it with a true friend. And now, before I go to the store, I make sure I have an assortment of sprinkles at my house.

Warmly Submitted by Cristi Pinela

Upcoming Events

Party for Partners

Friday, May 2nd

Please be our guest at the 4th annual Party for Partners presented by the Residential Mortgage Division of First National Bank on Friday, May 2nd from 5-9pm.

We invite you to join us for an evening of luxury living and a unique cocktail party at the Harmony Club in Timnath.

This casual-attire party will feature the cuisine of Chimney Park Restaurant & Bar, a silent auction, luxury home tours, and exciting golf challenges. Tickets are \$40 per individual, \$350 for 10, and \$700 for 20.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit our website at PartnersMentoringYouth.org

SuperStars Kickoff

Thursday, May 22nd

Enjoy free pizza and beer, while meeting your competition at the SuperStars Kickoff on Thursday, May 22nd from 7-9pm at Odell Brewing Company.

Register your team early for only \$500 and receive custom team t-shirts!

The 28th annual SuperStars Sports Challenge will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at Fossil Creek Park.

Gathering in the Garden

Thursday, July 17th

Gathering in the Garden, presented by McKee Medical will be on July 17th, at Chapungu Sculpture Park at Centerra in Loveland. We will feature local restaurants, wineries and breweries, serving a sampling of their most delectable cuisine.

There will be friendly competition for local merchants' goods and services with a silent auction. The evening will be filled with excellent food and drink, laughter and hope for Partners Mentoring Youth and the children we serve.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call Tami at (970)667-0911.

Save the Date

April

- 5 Pancake Breakfast @ Applebee's 8-10 a.m., Loveland
- 5 Fishing Derby, Partnership & Nexus Activity, Fort Collins & Loveland, 9-1 a.m.
- 8 Info Meeting Fort Collins, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Info Meeting Loveland, 5:30 p.m.
- 17 Library Visit, Partnerships, Estes Park, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 23 CEO Meeting-Senior Partners Coffee Talk, Estes Park, 12-1 p.m.
- 25 Info Meeting Fort Collins, Noon
- 26 Art Class at MOCA, Fort Collins & Loveland 1-4 p.m.

June

- 9 Info Meeting Loveland, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Info Meeting Fort Collins, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 CSU Ropes Course, 1-5 p.m, Partnership & Nexus
- 27 Info Meeting Fort Collins, Noon
- 25 Fort Fun, 12-2:30 p.m, Nexus
- 28 Horseback Riding, Estes Park Partnerships, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

May

- 2 Party for Partners, Harmony Club, 5 p.m.– 9 p.m.
- 3 Duck Race, Estes Park
- 6 CEO Training– Suicide Prevention, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 8 Climbing Class, Fort Collins & Loveland, 7-8 p.m.
- 10 Wall Climb, Fort Collins & Loveland, 1-3 p.m.
- 12 Info Meeting Loveland, 5:30 p.m.
- 13 Info Meeting Fort Collins, 5:30 p.m.
- 22 Superstars Kickoff, Odell's Brewery, 7 p.m.– 9 p.m.
- 30 Info Meeting Fort Collins, Noon

All dates subject to change. Call Partners Mentoring Youth office for more information. (970) 484-7123



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"To create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships between positive adult role models and youth facing challenges in their personal, social and academic lives."

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