



Mentor Tutor Connection
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2020 COMMUNITY REPORT



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Our Mission: To enhance academic and life skills for students through individualized volunteer tutoring and mentoring

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2020: A Year of Change Requires Commitment

In a year when a pandemic has intensified inequities in our community and across the educational system, and the life of every student is completely different than this time last year, MTC's commitment to the young people in our programs is resolute. As you will read below, we are adapting because the need to support youth is greater than ever. As we look forward to our 25th year and beyond, we are grateful to our volunteers and donors whose engagement means that students receive the academic, social, and emotional support they need now to create a brighter future.

Sally Chaves, MTC Board President

Mentor Program

Distance learning is a significant challenge for all students, particularly for those facing food and housing insecurity or having additional responsibilities such as caring for younger siblings or holding down a job. Many students, without the connection to friends, teachers, activities, and sports, feel depressed and isolated, lose motivation, and fall behind.

Under these conditions, mentors become a beacon of light for their mentees. Mentors check in regularly, reassuring mentees that things will get better. Virtual relationships are not always easy, but mentors are finding



Mentor and mentee catch up via Zoom.

creative ways to keep the relationships strong. For some, this has meant learning about something their student

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Former Mentee Pays It Forward by Dedication Her Life To Mentorship

Last spring, Leslie Cervantes told a virtual room full of MTC donors, "You're investing not only in future leaders, but there is a ripple effect. My goal is to help *other* future leaders by giving back what I got through my experience at MTC."

Now at the age of 32, Leslie reflects on the impact her mentor, Pam, has had in her life since they met 15 years ago. "I have had people doubt me, tell me that my life and successes would not amount to much. Sometimes I believed them." She shares that Pam helped her see her own potential and the many opportunities out there for her, encouraging her to apply to Santa Clara University.

With a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Sociology and Women's and



Gender Studies, Leslie is pursuing a career aligned with her passion to help others. As a juvenile probation officer

for the County of Santa Clara, Leslie enjoys drawing from her lived experience as she works with youth who may not believe in themselves. Leslie has also been a dedicated mentor to her own mentee, Jenny.

Leslie has become an advocate for the power of mentorship. "I am on a lot of panels and I speak about mentorship a lot. I am surprised how often Latina women tell me, 'If only we had more mentors.'" Leslie is answering the call by launching a new business called Inspiring Latinas. Her program will help young professionals build confidence and begin the journey of finding and working with mentors through authentic relationships that improve one's life.

MTC is grateful to Leslie for being a fierce champion for increasing mentorship opportunities in our communities. She plans to become a mentor through MTC and so the story continues.

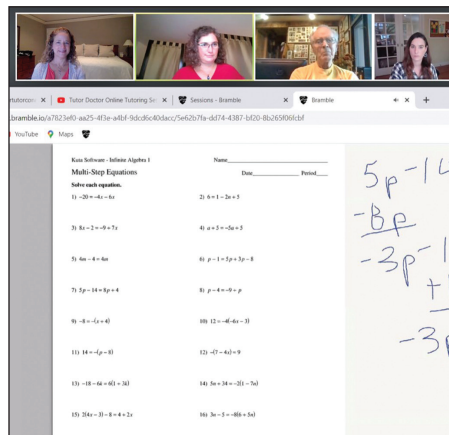
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enjoys: comics, graffiti, rap music, football, or cars. Some have been involved in school meetings with students and teachers to make plans for the student's engagement. "As a result, relationships between mentors and their mentees are deepening," says MTC Mentor Program Manager, Ann Wolff. "I have never seen such strong bonds as we've seen during this pandemic."

Tutor Program

MTC has launched a new Remote Tutoring Program, and newly trained tutors are supporting students in our partner elementary and middle schools in Mountain View and Los Altos. The program prioritizes students with economic and academic need, delivering individualized tutoring online.

The demand for tutors this year is higher than ever, and we are pleased that there is so much community interest to help. We were thrilled to host more prospective volunteers at our



Remote tutor training.

recent Volunteer Information Sessions and New Tutor Trainings than ever before. This year in particular, tutors are flexible in their approach and determined to help in any way they can! Remote tutoring is not only effective for learning, but also interactive and engaging. Geoffrey Chang, Director of Strategic Programs with the Mountain View Whisman School District, says, "MTC's remote tutors will provide

the critical one-on-one attention and support for students that could make all the difference in the student's academic success and enjoyment."

Mentors and mentees enjoy the elephant seals at Año Nuevo in February prior to Shelter in Place.



Mentor Tutor Connection:

The Impact We've Achieved Together

5 YEAR CUMULATIVE
GRADUATION RATE

96%

OF MENTORED
SENIORS (118/123)



100%

OF MENTORED
SENIORS
GRADUATED
(19/19)

2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR

189

VOLUNTEERS

TUTORS: 82
MENTORS: 107



464

STUDENTS SERVED

TUTORED: 349
MENTORED: 115



MTC volunteers are in
16 schools in the three
MV and LA districts.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: 9
MIDDLE SCHOOLS: 4
HIGH SCHOOLS: 3



TUTOR HOURS: 1,801
MENTOR HOURS: 2,943

4,744

HOURS
VOLUNTEERED
WITH STUDENTS*



THE STUDENTS IN OUR PROGRAMS

GRADE LEVEL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: 28%
MIDDLE SCHOOL: 52%
HIGH SCHOOL: 20%

THE IMPACT OF MENTORS*

BECAUSE OF MY MENTOR...

I'm a more confident person	76%
My attitude about school is more positive	66%
I feel less stressed	72%

THE IMPACT OF TUTORS*

Student made academic progress	97%
Student's confidence and self-esteem grew	95%
Student's attitude towards school and learning improved	89%



100% of our mentored students would recommend our program to a friend*

*As reported in our year-end survey results

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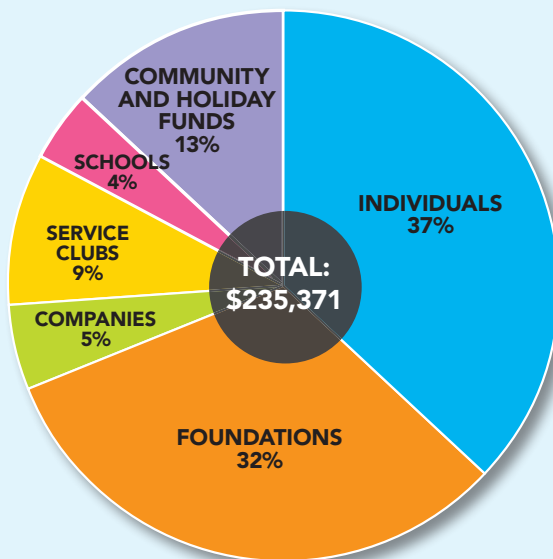
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