

AFK Youth Mentoring



Newsletter - June 2020



Being a mentor has been an amazing experience for me. Getting closer with my buddy over the past 2 almost 3 years we've been together has been something truly special and being able to watch his growth and our relationship get stronger as well as watching him and his friends get stronger. All of the games of wiffle ball and croquet and racing hot wheels were some of my favorite memories with him! I can't wait to continue our relationship and see his growth continue!

When we first signed up for Athletes for Kids, we were looking for a positive role model that would help increase our son's self-confidence and positivity in how he tackled schoolwork, life, and friendships. We seriously could not have found a more caring, compassionate, quietly-confident person than Jake O'Donnell. He is the nicest person we have ever met!

Jake and our son have logged hours and hours playing Wiffle ball, tossing the football, playing board games, or just goofing around. Jake was always listening to our son and set a great example through finding positivity in any situation. Through his quiet, thoughtful conversations with our son, he quickly turned around any hurt feelings or misunderstandings. We have seen our son mirroring his reactions and kindness while playing with his brother or other neighborhood kids. He looks up to Jake - his favorite sport to play is now football. . . he loves to eat hashbrowns (like Jake ate at Sammamish Café) which he would not even try before Jake ate them. . . and he approaches new situations and learning with a quiet confidence that is similar to Jake's.

We cannot sing Jake's praises more highly. We are forever grateful that he volunteered to form this bond with our son He has made an impact on our son (and family) for the rest of his life that we will never forget. Thank you for being a positive light in our lives

Upcoming Events



Virtual Drawing Workshop

Join us on Saturday, June 13th from 2:00 to 3:00 PM on Zoom for a fun afternoon of virtual drawing the whole family will enjoy. Mentors, buddies and siblings are welcome!

[Click here to register](#)

AFK Team 365



Impactful Giving, One Dollar a Day

Our AFK Mentors & Buddies share the gift of acceptance, friendship and kindness. Every day. As a member of Team 365, you can help support their

relationships.

Every day. Mentors & Buddies build their extraordinary relationships one day at a time, and their cumulative effect is powerful. Our new Team 365 giving level is the same way: a small investment every day adds up to something powerful.

Please join team 365 and help support the programs, training, activities that build mentor and buddy relationships. Every day.

[Click Here to Join AFK Team 365](#)

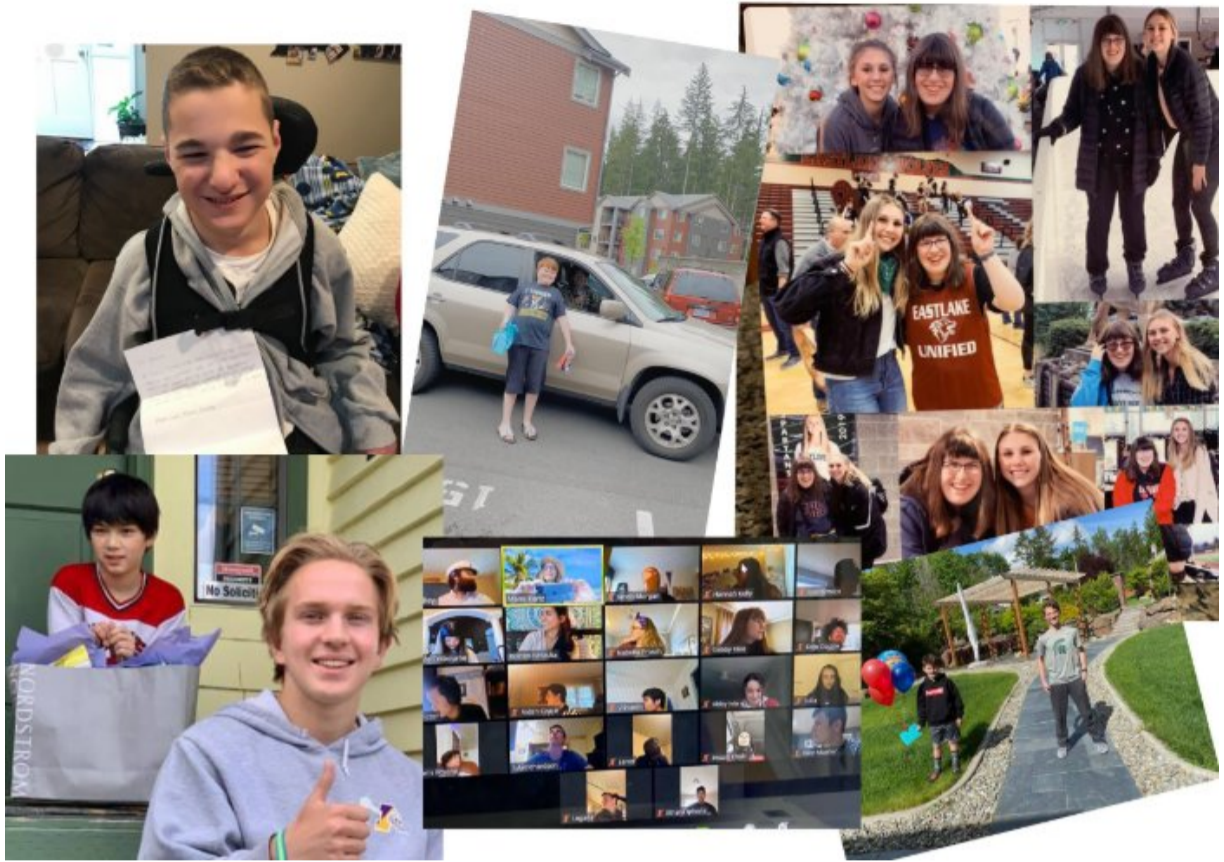
With Gratitude



Thank You Class of 2020 AFK Mentors!

We celebrate our 74 AFK mentors who will graduate from high school this month. In total, this group of outstanding young men and women completed over 6,900 mentoring hours. Their dedication to their buddies and the Athletes for Kids organization is appreciated and celebrated. During what has been an extraordinary time in our history, these graduates remained steadfast in their commitment to their buddies and as an organization we are forever grateful for all that they have accomplished. Congratulations on your graduation and good luck on your next adventure. Always keep reaching for the stars!

AFK Moments



As we say goodbye to May we welcome warmer weather, sunny days and friendship memories to come. True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart.

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