

AFK Youth Mentoring



Newsletter - November 2020



RHS Mentor Maddie and buddy

"I am so thankful to have been given the opportunity to become an Athletes for Kids mentor and be a part of such a positive, inclusive, and supportive community. When I first heard about this program, I instantly knew that I wanted to get involved. I remember the day I got the call telling me that I had been matched. I was jumping up and down with excitement, eager to meet my buddy. Seven months later, I can say that the experience I have had with my buddy has been nothing short of amazing. I love that when we see each other we can start talking and lose track of time. During quarantine I look forward to seeing my buddy every week whether that be through FaceTime or in person. It always lifts my spirits to see her and she never fails to put a smile on my face and make me laugh. What I love most about mentoring is listening to my buddy share her passions and interests with me, I have learned a lot from her. Some fun things we have done so far include painting ceramics, playing Pokémon Go, visiting a pet store and drawing over FaceTime with other mentors and buddies. I am grateful to be a part of my buddy's life and I am excited for our friendship to continue to grow.

Maddie has made such an impact on our daughter that it is very easy to sing her praises. From the first parent meeting back in February to now, Maddie has been a true blessing. She is always smiling, positive and comes up with great

ideas to connect with our daughter. The girls really seem to enjoy each other’s company and have a natural friendship. Even though meeting in person can be difficult these days, Maddie has risen to the challenge. The girls have been enjoying online chess games, taking distanced walks, painting and just chatting about their days. Our daughter really looks forward to their meetings and I can always hear laughter coming from her room when they are Face Timing. With school being online and having limited interaction with friends, the stability of having Maddie to talk to has been huge. As a parent, this helps me sleep a little better at night! Whatever path Maddie chooses to travel after her high school years, we know she will be a great success and will always hold a special place in our hearts"

Beneath the Same Sky Virtual Auction



RSVP to our biggest Fundraiser of the year

We are going “virtual”!

Instead of meeting in person this year, we’re hosting our exciting live auction and fundraising celebration “virtually” with a special livestream broadcast on Thursday evening, November 12, 2020!

[Click here to RSVP](#)

[Click here to donate](#)

Thank you to our Sponsors:





Upcoming Events



Virtual Drawing Workshop

Art is back! Join us on Saturday, November 14th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm while we draw a Thanksgiving turkey and other animals.

Mentors, buddies and siblings are welcome!

[Click here to register](#)

With Gratitude



Thank You AFK Mentors!

This month we celebrate our mentors! We are thankful for their service. We are thankful for their commitment. We are thankful for their enthusiasm. We are thankful for their patience. We are thankful for their compassion. We are thankful for their volunteering. We are thankful for their leadership.

Mentors, thank you for being the heart and soul of the Athletes for Kids program. We are proud of you. Thank you!

AFK Moments



As we say goodbye to a fun October of kindness and bullying awareness we welcome November with a thankful heart and celebrate the impact of kindness, acceptance and inclusion in mentors, buddies and our community.

[Donate Now](#)

- CONTACT US**
- NOVEMBER CALENDAR**
- VISIT OUR WEBSITE**
- PHOTOS FROM EVENTS**
- Current Items Needed**
- UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION**

FOLLOW US