



Newsletter - February 2021



Mentor Zachary and buddy

"My buddy and I spend a lot of time talking about our dream cars. He has taught me countless facts about both old cars and new ones. We love to ride scooters to the park and kick around the soccer ball. Our favorite time together is when we make our own rules for chess. Throughout this program I have learned more communication skills and he has taught me to be both a better listener and a better helper. Every time we hang out one of us is teaching the other something new. Whether it's about cars or life skills we are always learning together. I love being a mentor because not only do I get to learn new skills, but I also got to meet a great friend and have had help people who have supported me every step of the way

Our son has always been a shy boy with strangers, but Zachary has been phenomenal from the start. He is always patient and takes time to play and talk to our son. Our son always looks forward to hearing from Zachary and he says, he has found someone that has accepted him, even with his difficult speech and all. Zachary has exceeded our expectations and he has been a wonderful friend to our son. Zachary, thank you for everything."

Virtual Open House



Join us on Tuesday, February 9th from 3:15 to 4:00 pm to hear from the AFK staff as well as current mentors. Learn about the application process, the expectations for mentors in the program, the upcoming new mentor training and much more.

All male and female athletes interested in learning more about the program and what it means to be a mentor in the Athletes for Kids Program are welcome!

[Click here to register](#)

Upcoming Events



Valentine's Day Fun

Join us on Saturday, February 13th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm for Valentine fun. We will be doing Valentine's Day crafts and an easy no bake treat. Mentors, buddies, siblings and friends can all Zoom in for a great time!

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AFK Moments



As January comes to a close, we welcome February and say goodbye to #NationalMentoringMonth. This month we celebrate the impact of friendship and connection in mentors, buddies and our community.

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