

AFK Youth Mentoring



Newsletter - May 2021



Mentor Ollie and buddy

Being with my buddy has been a truly unforgettable experience. Not only does he manage to make me laugh all the time; but he is someone that has a great personality and is always down to try new things. Knowing I can impact my buddy makes me very happy and I look forward to seeing him every week, whether we are playing tennis or inside playing games.

Ollie has been an amazing mentor for our son. He demonstrates leadership, kindness and patience with our son and the rest of our family. Our son considers Ollie to be one of his friends and someone to trust and look up to.

We appreciate Ollie's dedication and flexibility during the pandemic, his visits are truly the highlight of our son's week. Ollie has graciously shared his passion for tennis with our son and now he loves it! We feel very lucky to have been paired with Ollie and will miss him when he goes away to college. Thank you, Ollie for being such an amazing mentor!

Upcoming Events



Give Big, May 5 and May 6

Let's act together and make a difference in the lives of children with special needs and the high school athletes who mentor them by Giving Big on May 4th and May 5th.

Early giving is **now open!** Click on the link below and #GiveBig today!

[Click here to Give Big](#)



Let's go to the beach!

Join us on Saturday, May 8th from 3:00 to 4:00 pm for a virtual experience at the beach! Put on your favorite tourist attire and join us for an hour of beach trivia, a virtual dolphin tour and an art activity.

[Click here to register](#)

AFK Senior Mentor Celebration

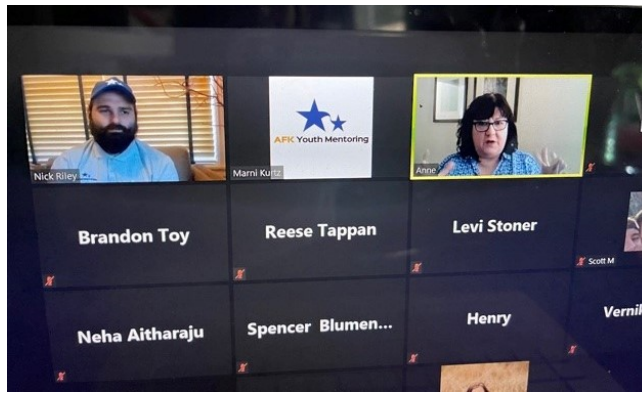


Senior Mentor Celebration

Mark your calendars for a virtual Senior Mentor Celebration on Sunday, May 23rd from 4:00-5:00pm. Join us as we celebrate our graduates and thank them for the time they have given to the program and most important, their buddy. Don't miss this very special event!

[Click here to register](#)

With Gratitude



Thank you Anne Devney

April was Autism Acceptance month and mentors were treated to a special presentation by mentee parent Anne Devney. Anne spent hours of her own time researching and putting together the power point training. She then Zoomed in to each mentor meeting during the month to share her thoughts and experiences as a mom of a son with autism. Anne delivered her presentation with candor, enthusiasm, and humor too. We are incredibly grateful to Anne and thank her for being part of the Athletes for Kids family.

AFK Moments



As we look back to a month of moments of kindness, acceptance and inclusion we welcome May and celebrate senior mentors making a world of a difference.

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