

A photograph of four children running away from the camera on a paved path. They are all wearing backpacks and have their arms raised in the air. The child on the far left is a boy in a white shirt and khaki pants, wearing a blue backpack. The child next to him is a girl in a white shirt and white pants, wearing a dark blue backpack. The child next to her is a girl in a black shirt and blue jeans, wearing a black backpack. The child on the far right is a girl in a white shirt and blue jeans, wearing a blue backpack. The background is a lush green area with trees and a building in the distance. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark blue banner at the top and bottom.

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FOR YOUTH

Providing caring adult mentors, life-enriching experiences and enhanced community connections that result in successful life journeys.

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Message from the President:

I've been a mentor with Friends for Youth since 2008. As I reflect on my experience of mentoring for ten years, I found myself wondering how I would define positive development. I've concluded it comes down to four things:



1. *Rejecting Passivity* – Many of our mentees have been victimized and are tempted to passively ‘just let life happen.’ A mentor must develop the trust necessary to provide counsel to the active life choices that his/ her mentee is making every day.

2. *Accepting Responsibility* – One of the challenges of the mentoring relationship is allowing a mentee to make decisions that are in her own best long-term interests. To the best of my ability, I have refrained from telling my protégé what he should do. I stay connected so that life learning (wisdom) will result from these experiences.

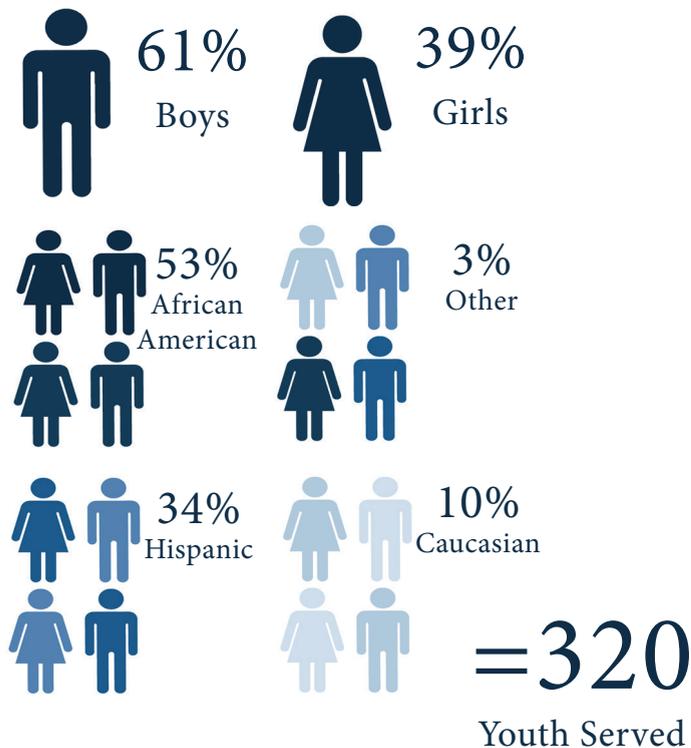
3. *Leading Courageously* – Positive development doesn't occur by chance or by letting others make decisions for you. Positive change takes courage. A mentee who leads him or herself by making and keeping courageous commitments will develop into an example others will follow.

4. *Investing Eternally* – None of us is an accident. My prayer for my mentee is that he will discover and become the person he was created to be. My hope is that he will, in turn, invest his life in others and help them to become the unique individuals they were created to be.

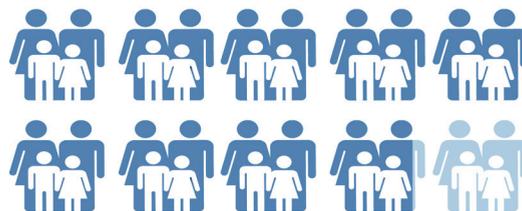
When you “net it all out,” I think this is what Friends for Youth is all about. If you are up to the challenge, I invite you to join us in the adventure of helping boys become men and girls become women.

Our 2017 Outcomes:

Student Demographics



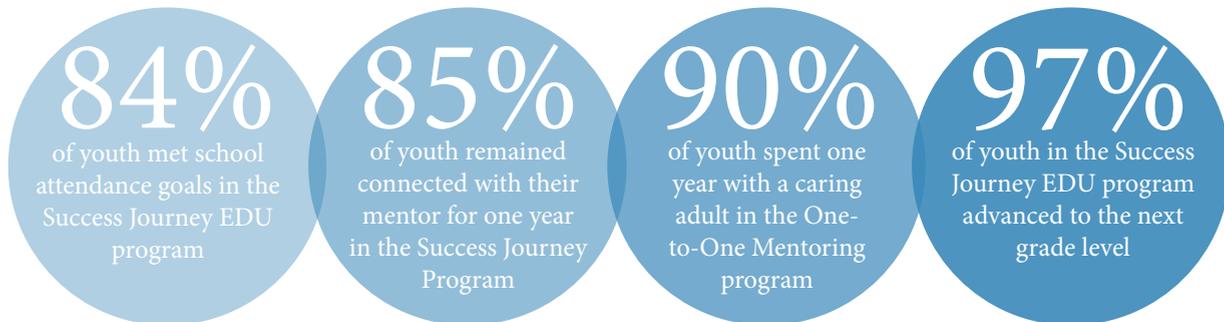
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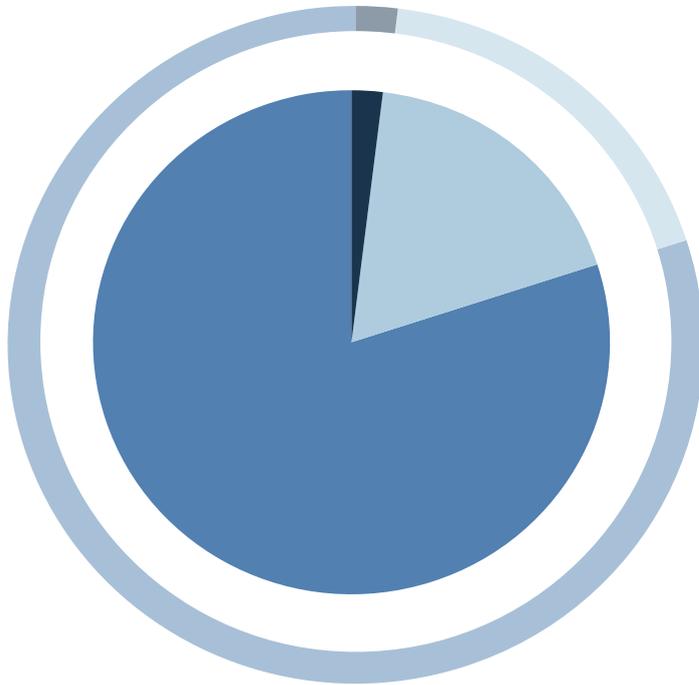
95 volunteer mentors were recruited and trained



Our Programs:



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