



Community Report



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Mentor Tutor Connection
Helping students achieve their potential and thrive

Our Mission: To help build brighter futures for youth in Mountain View and Los Altos through exceptional tutoring and mentoring programs that improve social and academic life skills.

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Founded in 1996 by Los Altos Rotary Club

Mentor Tutor Connection: A New Name, a Continuing Commitment

As Partners for New Generations, we have supported youth in our community since our founding in 1996 by the Los Altos Rotary Club. We became an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in 2010 and now, as we continue to grow and evolve, we changed our name to **Mentor Tutor Connection** (MTC) to better reflect our mission. An Organizational Effectiveness grant from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation enabled us to accomplish this work, and we are now focused even more clearly on helping build brighter futures for youth in Mountain View and Los Altos through exceptional tutoring and mentoring programs.

MTC is recognized as an integral partner with the three local school districts we serve and for providing high quality volunteers. Our goal is to increase our impact by growing the number of volunteers and students engaged in our tutoring and mentoring programs.

We believe that all students in our community should have access to a tutor or mentor to help them achieve their potential and thrive. Thank you for all that you do to make this happen. If you or someone you know is interested in additional information about our programs and volunteer opportunities, contact us at connect@mentortutorconnection.org or visit us on the web at MentorTutorConnection.org.

MTC Receives Service Award



We are proud of our Honorary Service Award presented by the Los Altos-Mountain View Council of PTAs.

Volunteers Make Long-Term Impacts on Students

Our volunteers have a lasting positive effect on students' lives, but it can be hard on a daily basis to see that you're making a difference for your student. Here are two examples that show that our tutors' and mentors' positive influence lasts longer than you might realize.

Craig Goldman, Superintendent of the Mountain View Whisman School District, shares the following story that begins back when he was still a Principal: "Eduardo was a first grader at Huff School where I served as Principal. His father and mother didn't speak English and neither did Eduardo when he first started school.

He was a bright and enthusiastic boy, but as time passed I learned that Eduardo was having a difficult time learning to speak English and to read. The more challenging school became, the more his enthusiasm wavered, and the more he started to get into trouble.

Eduardo's teacher sought the support of (then) PNG, which assigned a tutor to work with him. I remember seeing him regularly with books under his arm ready to meet with his tutor, and after a few months, his contagious smile and enthusiasm returned.

Eduardo continued to struggle with reading, but, through the help of his



tutor, he made steady progress and slowly gained fluency and confidence. He started to think of himself as a capable and successful student.

Over the years, there were a lot of bad influences in Eduardo's life, but I believe that being part of a caring community and feeling successful gave him the ability to resist the pressures of local gangs and to keep his focus on getting the most out of his education.

I ran into Eduardo this past summer. He's a junior in high school and told me he's doing well in school and plans to attend Foothill when he graduates. He has matured and his voice has deepened, but I could still see the smiling little boy who carried his reading books to meet with his tutor.

If you have been a tutor, I want to say thank you. You not only change lives, you save them, too."

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

One of our Mentors received the following email from his grown and graduated mentee:

Hi Dwight,

It just dawned on me that I never told you thank you for your support and mentorship.

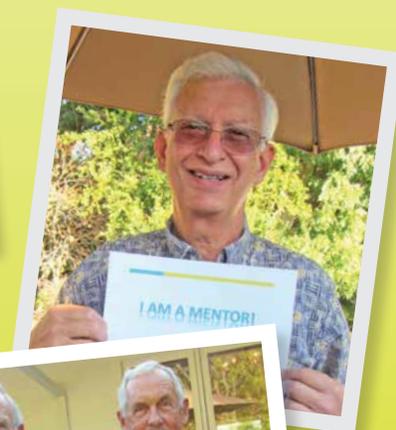
Prior to meeting you, I had no one to look up to and no positive male role model. As a result, I lost hope in my future and was on the verge of becoming my worst nightmare - a deadbeat father and a street thug.

The conversations we've had (and continue to have) during our lunch/dinner meetings about life, family, school, success, etc. are part of my success. They instilled me with confidence, inspiration, and a renewed sense of self. They will never go in vain.

Once again, thank you for your support, wisdom, and most importantly, for believing in me.

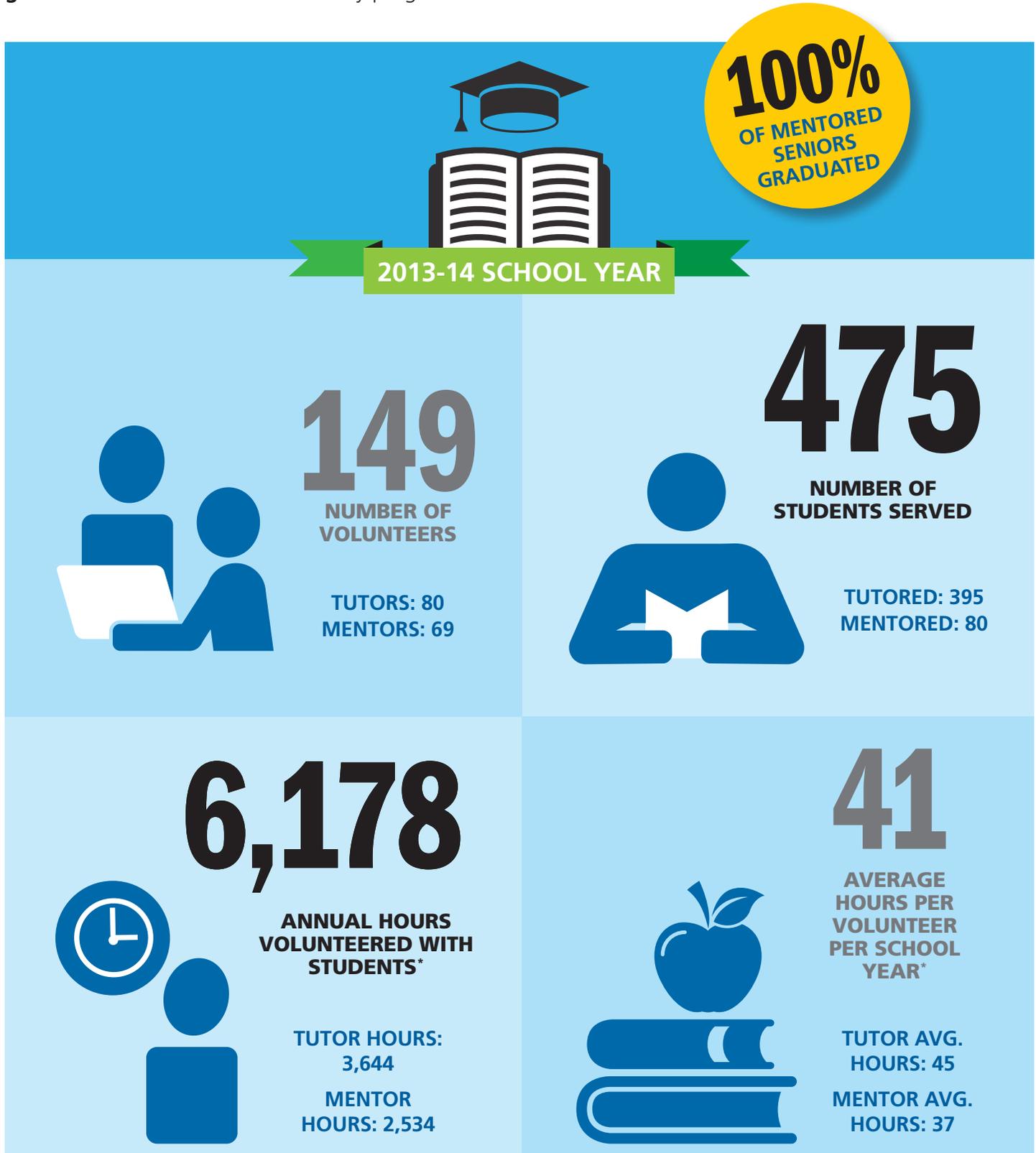
Sincerely, V

The time you devote to your student helps inspire them to focus on their opportunities to succeed and thrive in school and in life. You are having a positive impact today and for the future.



MTC Programs by the Numbers

In the 2013/14 school year, we placed tutors in 12 of 14 elementary schools and 4 of 4 junior high/middle schools in LASD and MVWSD schools. We had active mentoring matches at all three MVLA High School District schools. And we're proud to report that **all of our mentored seniors (21 of 21) graduated!** Here are some details by program.



*As reported in our year-end survey results

Testimonials

The children are a delight to be around and it is so rewarding to see their growth through the year.

TUTOR

I think the students have learned to accept and even enjoy the extra assistance and encouragement in math that they get during tutoring.

TUTOR

It's an amazing experience. Having someone outside of home who you can talk to is very helpful and just amazing because you develop a strong relationship with this person and you can literally talk to that person about anything.

MENTEE

Enjoy the energy and insights your student will bring to your life! We have as much or more to learn from them as they have to learn from us.

MENTOR

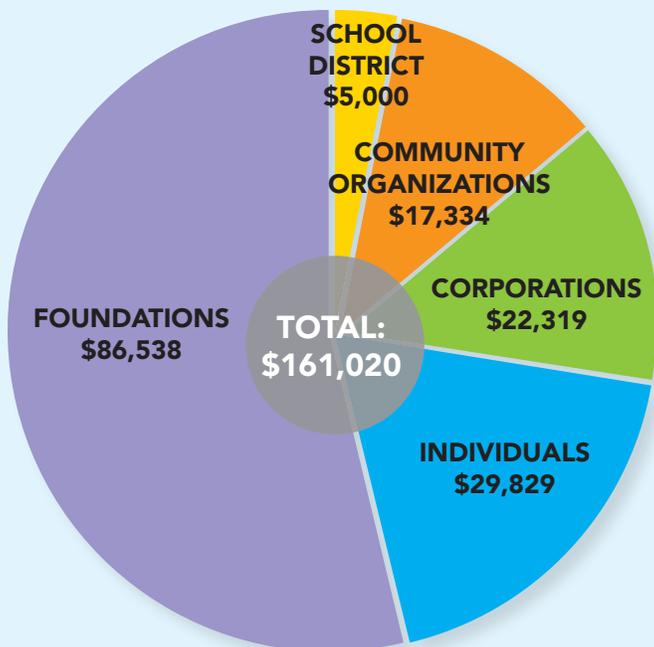
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