

BRIGHT FUTURE

INTERMEDIATE CELEBRATIONS

From day one, we celebrate short- and medium-term success as youth make progress toward achieving their hopes and dreams:

PRO-SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

96% of youth in our program told us they were able to accomplish things they're proud of.

PLANS AND SKILL FOR THE FUTURE

96% of youth shared that they feel a strong sense of belonging to their culture.

SCHOOL SUCCESS

95% of youth attained successful overall school performance.

IMPROVED HEALTH

92% of youth made progress toward improving their overall health - such as being physically active or seeking emotional support when they need it.

SPRINGBOARD TO SUCCESS

After almost 30 years of seeing youth in our program achieve incredible success, we remain inspired by their accomplishments:

92% of youth go on to enroll in post-secondary education, serve our country or enter the workforce with a living-wage job.



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THE MODEL

Research has shown that the most important factor for building resiliency in children who face the greatest challenges in life is a long-term, consistent relationship with a caring adult.

WE INVITE YOUTH AND CAREGIVERS TO JOIN US

We partner with schools, the foster care system and community partners to work with youth who will benefit most from a long-term, professional mentor.

WE HIRE AND TRAIN FULL-TIME, PAID, PROFESSIONAL MENTORS CALLED FRIENDS

Our Friends are amazing. They have chosen to make long-term mentoring their profession. Their full-time job is to support 8 youth and their caregivers.

WE COMMIT FOR THE LONG TERM

We commit to children and their families for the long-haul, from as early as age 4 through high school graduation—12+ years, no matter what.

OUR WORK IS RELATIONSHIP-BASED, INDIVIDUALIZED AND INTENTIONAL

Each interaction with a child is designed to foster positive social emotional growth and build life skills.

WE WORK WITH YOUTH AND CAREGIVERS IN THE COMMUNITY, AT HOME AND AT SCHOOL

We take a whole-child approach because we understand that lived experiences, home environment, systems, community and culture shape how a child develops and learns.

WE EVALUATE, MEASURE AND IMPROVE

Friends of the Children is dedicated to internal and external research and evaluation. We do this because youth and families in our program deserve nothing but our best!

IT WORKS



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It makes economic sense.

\$1 = \$7

For every \$1 invested in Friends of the Children, the community benefits over \$7 in saved social costs. Helping one child saves the community \$900,000.