Each week, kids around the country come to a college campus to spend time with their mentors while they begin to create a vision for their future.

Through College Mentors, student leaders and mentors learn valuable leadership skills and how to be a role model.
MAKING LASTING CHANGE

150,000 hours

- Amount of time college students spent volunteering with College Mentors

90%

- Little buddies who say they work harder in school

83%

- Chapter leaders who gained leadership skills

65%

- Little buddies who say they have a close relationship with their mentor

78%

- Mentors who noticed their little buddy’s overall confidence improved

92%

- Little buddies who say they see more positive things in themselves

“Joining College Mentors was one of the best decisions I made. It was such a special experience getting to build a relationship with my little buddy and discover new activities that he was excited about. Working through challenges together reminded me of the importance of encouragement and patience, and there is truly no better feeling than watching your little buddy run off the bus with a smile!”
- Mentor

“This program has taught every single mentor, as well as myself, what it means to be selfless, to put others above yourself, and rise up to be a leader when you’re called to do so.”
- College student leader
Together, they participated in activities like running a lemonade stand, touring a sports locker room, and learning about careers in engineering. Through these engaging activities, their bond grew stronger.

“She’s like a big sister. Better than a big sister.”
Even now after College Mentors, that’s how Kayla describes their relationship. Maria attended Kayla’s high school graduation and continues to offer support to Kayla as she begins her career as a Registered Medical Assistant. Maria loves the role she plays in Kayla’s life.

“She knows I’m always there for her. She can bring homework questions, her life situations, and she can use me for support if she needs advice for anything. She knows that I love her and care about her. She’s better than a little sister to me.”

Now that Kayla is grown up, Maria can reflect on their relationship and admire Kayla’s growth over the years.

“Kayla as a little kid was excited to participate in activities, but she was very quiet and shy. Over time, I saw her become open to more opportunities, whether that was coming to visit me in Chicago, making her own decisions, or looking into furthering her education after high school. I’ve seen her grow into becoming completely independent.”

Our goal is to foster lasting change in the lives of mentors and little buddies. Each relationship matters and has the potential to become a life-long friendship. Mentor Maria and her little buddy Kayla loved their experience in College Mentors for Kids.
2019 Financial Statement

Each year, college students volunteer over 90,000 hours of mentoring and an additional 60,000 hours to implement the program.

Expenses

- Salaries & benefits: $831,115
- Buses, snacks, t-shirts & activity supplies: $194,013
- Volunteer training, screening & recognition: $97,812
- Professional fees for accountants, lawyers, etc.: $34,109
- Fundraising events, database & expenses: $58,322
- Rent, IT & office expenses: $75,179
- Credit card, bank fees & misc. expenses: $31,139
- Travel: $54,142
- Insurance: $28,574
- Printing, advertising & promotion: $7,548
- Volunteers & staff recognition: $17,278
- Total expenses: $1,429,231

Assets

- Current assets: $644,200
- Long-term unconditional promises to give: $160
- Property & equipment: $8,760
- Other assets: $141,239
- Total assets: $794,359

Liabilities & Net Assets

- Current liabilities: $741,509
- Net assets: $794,359
- Total liabilities and net assets: $794,359

Revenue & Support

- Corporate support: $146,528
- Foundation support: $224,573
- Government support: $323,744
- Individual support: $530,100
- University support: $94,107
- In-Kind support, misc. & interest: $47,637
- Event income: $139,801
- Chapter sales: $18,886
- Total revenue and support: $1,525,376

For only $584/year, a child visits a campus at least 18 TIMES & spends 36 HOURS with a Caring College Student Mentor.

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What I want to convey is that we have all learned a lot from each other, both little buddies and mentors included. I have discovered that this program is more than unilateral mentoring; it is an exchange. An exchange of culture, values, knowledge, experiences, and character. We are all mentors and all mentees.

- mentor