

## Friends for Youth

*"THE RELATIONSHIP ITSELF IS A POWERFUL VEHICLE FOR CHANGE." - JOHN GOMPERTS, AMERICA'S PROMISE CEO*



**W**illiam Cotter, one of our mentees, looks back at the influence Friends for Youth and his mentor, John, had on his life.

William is now 29 years old, a college graduate and former U.S. Airman, the manager of a roofing company, a nonprofit Board member, and is engaged to be married next year.

**"My mentor with Friends for Youth, John, made a lasting impact in my life that I didn't realize until I was grown.**

He was really the first person who showed me what it means to make short- and long-term goals. Essentially he was trying to teach me how to be proactive and successful in life. When I was 9 or 10

years old (when I was enrolled in the program), I didn't care about goals. Like any kid I just wanted to play sports and hang out with my friends, but when I joined the Air Force his system of goals and personal/professional growth helped me obtain the rank of Staff Sergeant in 3.5 years when the average was about 4.5 to 5 years.

**I feel as though I have thrived in many aspects of my life because of his impact.**

Maybe at the time we both didn't know it, but it is now apparent to me. I really want to thank you and Friends for Youth for what you do. Thank you."

FY 2014-15

41

First-year Friendships served

+ 165

Alumni Friendships served

206

Unduplicated youth and their mentors served

## Mentoring Services

Providing one-to-one mentors to local at-risk youth who need a caring and consistent adult in their lives.

**All children deserve the chance to reach their full potential.** For a Friends for Youth mentee who faces challenges of poverty, abuse/neglect, an unsafe neighborhood, and unstable family life, a mentor can be a lifeline. In addition to one-to-one matches for youth-in-need, our mentoring staff coordinated more than 20 group activities providing pro-social enrichment activities designed to strengthen the mentor-mentee relationship and expose youth to recreational, academic, cultural, and community service opportunities. This year's group activities included a Stress Management and Suicide Prevention Life Skills Workshop, Science Through Art, Horseback Riding, CPR course, and Warriors and Sharks games.



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### Mentee Outcomes

**A**fter 12 months of mentoring services:

- **100%** of youth stayed in school
- **86%** of youth reported grades that were mostly B's and C's or better
- **75%** of youth had spoken with an adult about going to college
- **66%** of youth maintained/increased the number of trusting relationships they have with peers, family, or other adults
- **87%** of youth avoided legal involvement

## Mentoring Institute

Sharing Best Practices via our high-quality resources, trainings, and annual conference.

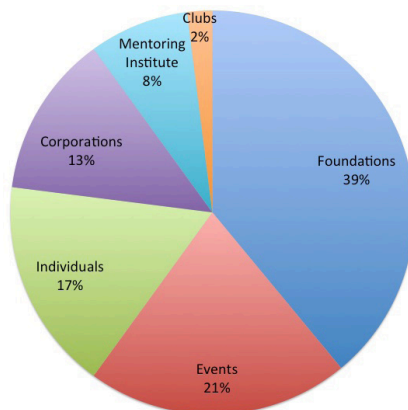
**O**ur **SAFE** publication and volunteer screening training continue to be in high demand. To meet this need, we established a new SAFE partnership with MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership and have been able to reach new programs with this resource. Other accomplishments include a collaboration with the Kettering Foundation, through which Friends for Youth and Dr. Renee Spencer created a project to assess the impact of mentoring on parents and families. Finally, we held our 15th Annual Mentoring Conference, attended by mentoring professionals from around the country.



## FY14-15 Financial Overview

### FY14-15 Revenue

Foundation Grants	\$214,300
Fundraising Events	\$ 114,198
Individual Donations	\$ 94,374
Corporate Donations	\$ 71,445
Mentoring Institute	\$ 40,230
Club Donations	\$ 8,520
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$543,067</b>



### FY14-15 Expenses

#### Mentoring Services \$274,568

Recruitment, Screening, Training, Matches, Case Management, Group Activities, Evaluation, Project Support for Education Enhancement, Violence Prevention, Health and Wellness

#### Mentoring Institute \$131,045

Trainings, Products, Collaborations, Annual Conference

Fundraising \$ 56,942

Administration \$ 45,149

#### TOTAL \$507,704

Net Assets \$ 35,363

Note: Audited Financials for FY14-15 (April 1 - March 31).



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Share. Enrich. Transform.

## Year-End 2015

## Summary Report

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