M.A.Y. Mentoring Mini-Newsletter

July 2020

It won't be long before we begin our 21st school year of mentoring in Shenandoah! Last school year ended strangely and suddenly! The 2020-2021 school year will begin with many changes and unanswerable questions. One thing is for sure....relationships are more important than ever and finding new ways to connect is vital to our fulfillment and growth. We can do this!

Over the summer, some mentors have been meeting with parent permission. Some have been e-mailing or texting, but trying to stay in touch. We will see what looks safe as the school year begins. Group activities may need to be delayed or have specific guidelines, but mentoring is needed more than ever!!!!

M.A.Y. Mentoring has had some WONDERFUL news in regards to funding for 2021.

First of all, if you are on FACEBOOK, please look up Kathy Regan's "No One Walks Alone" Go Fund Me page. Her journey itself is incredible, but she has given her goal special meaning by donating all the funds to M.A.Y. Mentoring! Please read her story and follow her progress on her meaningful venture. It is truly a miracle. So far her page has raised over \$1,300.00 for M.A.Y.

THANK YOU KATHY!!!

Next, thanks to Jon Skiller (Elks Club) and Mike Bauer (First National Bank) M.A.Y. was allowed to work the gate for the 2nd "Fridays after Five" event, keeping the door money! Mentors Amy Bopp, Margaret Burns, Taylor Goetz, Lori Knight and Karla Koval worked so we made \$300.00 at this event!

THANK-YOU Jon, Mike, Amy, Margaret, Taylor, Lori & Karla

And, last but not least, I received word from Ed MayJr. who started our program, that the May Family Foundation was approving our grant application. We had requested \$10,000 which is the amount they have been giving us for many years. Ed informed me that, his family, knowing times are difficult right now, would grant us \$15,000 PLUS they would do a \$10,000 challenge grant!!!!! If we raise \$10,000.00 – they will match it!

Many of our 3 year contributors have pledged and payed for 2020-2021 and we thank you so very much (these can be counted in the challenge too!) However, if you haven't contributed for the upcoming school year, this challenge grant makes your dollars go farther so please consider a donation to M.A.Y. Checks should be made out to "The Greater Shenandoah Foundation" with a notation of "M.A.Y. Mentoring." They are tax-deductible!!!!

THANK YOU MAY FAMILY FOUNDATION MEMBERS!!!!!



