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Greetings, everyone!

2017 is moving right along and February came and went! Project Hope had an extremely busy month recruiting within the community and welcomed five new mentors!

It is our goal at Project Hope to connect mentors with mentees with similar interests and personalities in an effort to create a lifelong relationship. Many of the youth involved with Project Hope do not have a sense of support in their lives and this is where their mentor comes in.

If you’re interested in investing in a young person’s life for just 1-2 hours a week and making a meaningful difference in your community, please contact projecthope@adamscounty.us.

Catch Us If You Can!

Recently, Project Hope teamed up with The Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center who hosted a Webinar for agencies interested in starting a mentoring program in their county. This hour-long webinar was full of information pertaining to starting a mentoring program including the history of Project Hope, how to recruit and screen mentors and mentees, and what skillsets a Program Coordinator for a mentoring program should possess. If you missed this incredibly helpful webinar, you can find it here: www.pacwrc.pitt.edu

We’re Moving!

Effective 03/20/2017, our new address will be: 525 Boyds School Road, Suite 1, Gettysburg, PA

THANK YOU!

Organizations in the Gettysburg area are incredibly supportive of Project Hope and our mission to support our at-risk youth. A huge thank you goes out to...

The United Way for having Mentoring Specialist, Tessa Adams present as one of their keynote speakers at the annual Purse Auction on February 24th. www.uwadams.org

The Gettysburg Day Spa for making our youth feel like celebrities for the night by doing their hair, nails, and makeup before the Purse Auction. They looked and felt beautiful! www.gettysburgdayspa.com

HACC – Gettysburg Campus for hosting their annual Spring into the Semester event and inviting Project Hope to recruit potential mentors! Nearly 50 people expressed interest in becoming a mentor or supporting Project Hope in some way!
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Making Connections

Recently I had the opportunity to attend a session hosted by our Partners in Mentoring at Temple University that was a part of their Mentoring Program Deep Dive Training sessions. This month, the training focused on the screening process and how vital this piece is to recruiting and training dedicated mentors and motivated mentees to be a part of your program. All of the training sessions hosted by Partners in Mentoring are based from the book, "Elements of Effective Practice for Mentoring," which is also the foundation of Project Hope. While the information was incredibly helpful, the best part about our morning together was networking with other program coordinators who supervise mentoring programs throughout PA and NJ and hear about their experiences. It reminded me of the importance of ongoing education and training for both myself and my mentors.

- Tessa Adams, Project Hope Mentoring Specialist

Find out more here: www.partnersinmentoring.org

Have You Heard?

“Nike is publicly launching the EQUALITY Campaign. With MENTOR as a national partner, Nike is using this campaign to spread the message of equality, encourage support for the mentoring field and inspire their customers to become mentors In Real Life. This is a watershed moment that will help us close the mentoring gap for the 1 in 3 young people in need of a mentor.”

https://youtu.be/43QTjFCpLtl

Visit our website: www.adamscounty.us/Dept/CYS/Pages/Mentoring-Program.aspx