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A Special Thanks to MPM's Friends for Their Recent Gifts

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Red Wagon Awards: Nominate Outstanding Minnesota Youth



The Red Wagon Awards honor young people in grades 6-12 in Minnesota that have shown resilience and overcome obstacles to achieve academic

Let's Recap the 2015 National Mentoring Summit!



Anne Seaquist (3Mgives Manager), Mai-Anh Kapanke (Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota Executive Director), Kim Price (3Mgives Vice President), Senator Al Franken (D-MN), and Katy Friesz (Carlson Family Foundation Program Officer)

The National Mentoring Summit was held last month in Washington DC and it was the largest gathering yet. The Mentoring Partnership of Minnesota and our state's leading philanthropic leaders were recognized by Senator Al Franken during his keynote address. Senator Franken provided plenty of humor in his [remarks](#), but was serious about the innovation and quality of mentoring in his home state. Thank you

gains, give back to their community and grow to become leaders amongst their peers.

The Minnesota Alliance with Youth will honor three Minnesota youth and one youth-led community service club, each nominated by caring adults, peers or partners in their local community.

Nominations are open February 1 - April 1.

[Learn more....](#)

Training Calendar

For a schedule of all MPM trainings and events, check out the [MPM Event Calendar](#). It also lists trainings from other great organizations like MENTOR, MAVA, MNYWI, HandsOn Twin Cities, YIPA and more.

Training Institute

To learn more about the Training Institute's resources and services, or to schedule a consultation, contact us at (612) 399-0229 or email maria@mpmn.org.

[Read more....](#)

Let's Keep in Touch



If your organization recently moved or you've had staff transition(s), please help us keep our database current by emailing us your updates at mentor@mpmn.org. Thank you!

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Senator Franken for being a Champion of Mentoring!

Additional highlights of The Summit include:

- MPM met with seven of Minnesota's congressional offices, along with representatives from Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities and Check and Connect
- Approximately 900 mentoring supporters, representing 46 states and nine countries attended the Summit
- 113 workshop presenters led 65 workshops
- 53 live streaming viewers participated remotely
- The release of [new resources and research](#) to help expand the mentoring effect

Announcing The Mentoring 365 Project: Celebrating Mentoring All Year Long

Although National Mentoring Month came to an end last month, MPM has a wish to continue the conversation about the impact and importance of mentoring over the course of this year. During January, Andrew Campbell (MPM's Public Policy and Marketing



AmeriCorps Promise Fellow) collected stories from Minnesota mentors and mentees that exemplify the meaning of mentoring. Much was learned about the importance of the mentoring relationship, from the growth the youth experience as a result of having a mentor to the dedication and love a mentor displays through his/her commitment to a mentee.

These stories, which will be featured in [MPM's WordPress Blog](#) throughout the year, are just a small snapshot of some of the great things Minnesota mentors are doing. Our hope is to continue gathering more inspirational narratives about the good work of Minnesota mentors and sharing them with you.

[Read the first in the Mentoring 365 series.](#)

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Do *you* have an uplifting story to share? Help MPM to continue the celebration by [emailing us](#) your mentoring experience today!

FREE! Collaborative Mentoring Webinar Series: Using Research to Inform Your Mentoring Program

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2015

Time: 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. CST (1:00 - 2:15 p.m. EST, 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. MST, 10:00 - 11:15 a.m. PST)

Cost: FREE

Is your mentoring program "research-based?" Sounds like an easy question, but it can be a bit more complicated to answer than many programs think. Incorporating research into a mentoring program's practices is a constant balancing act for many practitioners between factors such as day-to-day workload, the availability relevant research, and questions about when and how to apply research and measure the impact.

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Back for 2015! Building Blocks for a Quality Mentoring Program

Really great program. I enjoyed it.

I found the information on recruiting, closure, communication, and training...most useful [for developing our program].

Thank you for warm, supportive training staff. They made everyone comfortable and created a nice environment for learning.

Date: Friday, March 20, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: The Banks Building, 615 First Ave.

Northeast, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Cost: \$75

We know there can be **a lot** for those forming or refining a program to focus on: "We need a mission!" "We need a board of directors!" "We need to figure out how to evaluate our work!" "How can we tell our story?" The list can grow very long; community input, curriculum, goals and objectives, parental consent, legal considerations, marketing, and more.

The full-day Building Blocks for a Quality Mentoring Program is a valuable training for your new program staff, AmeriCorps or those just beginning to create a mentoring program! Register today!

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