Presidential Update



Dear Friends of Kids Hope USA,

We believe that all kids matter to Jesus and that the local church is uniquely called to nurture and celebrate children in their community. Students will thrive when they have caring and consistent adults in their lives—and that will help make a stronger community!

The mission of Kids Hope USA is to build life-changing relationships one hour at a time through a school-based mentoring program. As part of our network, we appreciate the ways that you contribute to this mission through your volunteering, prayer, leadership and financial generosity.



As we hoped, many more of our mentors are meeting with their students in-person as schools continue to welcome mentors back into their buildings. We're hearing from our programs that teachers, counselors and principals know these mentoring relationships are valuable for children and are asking their church partners to invite more mentors to serve.

We believe God has big things in store for Kids Hope USA mentoring. We are working to reach an ambitious new 3-year goal of building positive, healthy, fun mentoring relationships between 5,000 new children and local volunteers from their own neighborhoods.

With the help of our existing church partners and the influx of hundreds of new partner churches, we are confident that we can reach this goal.

If you're new to the Kids Hope USA network, the graphic on the next page shares how our team works to invite, equip and support mentoring programs. We've also included some of our team's successes from 2021 and a few of our goals for 2022.

We love hearing from you! Check out a few quotes on the back from those we serve in KHUSA ministries. Thank you for joining us in this exciting ministry that builds positive, life-changing relationships one at a time.

Gratefully,

Karen Pearson Ph.D.President Kids Hope USA

One director told us about the day last fall that they were able to go back into the school for mentoring. She said, "I prayed before entering the school that God would help the students bond with their mentors in a supernatural way. God answered abundantly! The principal was so impressed! He tried to help a bit, but everyone was so connected he didn't want to interrupt! It was beautiful to see."



Supporting Kids Hope USA Mentoring Programs at Every Step











Partnership Growth

INVITES churches to start their own mentoring programs

2021 SUCCESS 62 new partnerships

2022 GOAL 100 new mentoring programs

HOW YOU CAN HELP TODAY Refer Christian leaders to learn more about Kids Hope USA

Training & Launch

EQUIPS partners to launch their mentoring programs

2021 SUCCESS 30 programs launched

2022 GOAL Train <u>every</u> director successfully

HOW YOU CAN HELP TODAY

Volunteer to be a mentor

Program Support

SUPPORTS with resources for growth and sustainability

2021 SUCCESS Supported 1,108 programs

2022 GOAL
Support programs as they respond to growing demand

HOW YOU CAN HELP TODAY

Pray and donate

The Impact of Giving

Kids Hope USA continues to experience both the faithfulness of God's providence and the consistency of generous donors who believe in this ministry. Because of this, we've set big, ambitious goals this year and in the years to come. As Karen shared, we are working diligently to reach an additional 5,000 students with the support of a Kids Hope USA mentor, but we can't do that without your support!

To move this vision forward we will need to raise \$1.5M of support this year—and we are more than 50% of the way there. To the many of you who give to this ministry, we thank you for your support. If you haven't yet made a gift this school year, please consider making a donation that will help propel our work forward as we close out this school year.

We hope you'll join us on this journey, whether at \$25 or \$25,000. Your gift will make a lasting impact in the lives of thousands of children who meet with their Kids Hope USA mentor every week. If you can't make a gift today, we invite you to pray for this ministry, share our story with a friend or volunteer today to forever impact the life of a child.

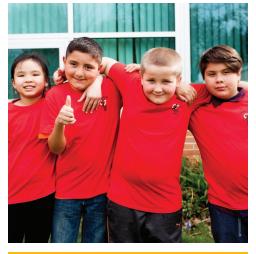
For the kids,

Want to give securely online? Make a gift today at www.kidshopeusa.org/donate

Kara Nguyen
Director of Development



What are we hearing at Kids **Hope USA?**



"For some reason, I feel like I can be more like myself when I'm with Ms. Kathy."

KHUSA Student



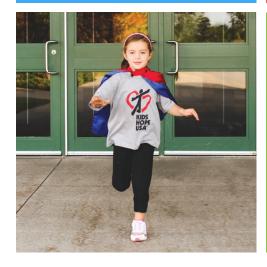
"I'm already seeing a difference in my son's interest in going to school, thanks to the time he spends with his Kids Hope USA mentor."

- KHUSA Parent

"For many kids, the day of the week they most want to be at school is the day their mentor comes."

- KHUSA Principal





"Y'all are affecting big change at our school!"

- KHUSA Teacher

Connect with Kids Hope USA



Have a Kids Hope USA story or testimonial? We want to hear it!

Visit kidshopeusa.org/ share-a-story today!