



# FINDING A CHURCH PARTNER

Here at Kids Hope USA, we are so excited to see supportive, one-on-one mentoring relationships flourish at your school. But first, we'll need to secure you a church partner who will provide volunteer mentors to invest in your students' lives.

Not sure where to start in finding a church partner? Below you'll find some helpful tips and opportunities to get connected with a church that will partner with your students and school.

## TIPS FOR FINDING A CHURCH PARTNER

Check out these easy strategies to discover the right church partner for your school.

- **Ask staff & teachers** – inquire with those at your school to see if they have any connections to churches in the community that may be interested in serving as a Kids Hope USA partner church for your school. Personal recommendations and connections are often most effective.
- **Survey neighborhood** – look around your local community and see what churches are in the area. Finding a church already close to your school can help support the program.
- **Tap into existing church partnerships** – does your school already have a relationship with a church through a sack supper program or back-to-school supply drive? Ask those churches you have a relationship with to consider serving students as mentors.

## RESOURCES

Use these resources as you reach out and connect with churches in your community.

- **Invitational flyer** – use this flyer to connect with and share about the opportunity for a Kids Hope USA program at your school.
- **Sample email message** – use the email sample below in reaching out to pastors and churches in your area:

*Dear Pastor [Pastor Name],*

*My name is [Your Name], and I am the [Your Role] at [School Name]. We are a community school close to your church and need mentors to come alongside some of our students. We have an urgent need for consistent, stable, caring relationships to support many of our students.*

*Kids Hope USA offers a one-on-one mentoring program by equipping churches to send mentors into local schools. This perfectly fits with our current needs. I invite you to visit Kids Hope USA's website ([kidshopeusa.org](http://kidshopeusa.org)) for more information. Contact Kids Hope USA by emailing [partnerships@kidshopeusa.org](mailto:partnerships@kidshopeusa.org) to see if your church is a good fit for this one-on-one mentoring program. We're excited about the opportunity to partner with you as we together seek to make an impact on the community and in our school.*

*Thank you for your time,  
[Your Name]  
[Contact Information]*