



FALL 2024 UPDATE



Dear Friends of Kids Hope USA,

With a new school year, we're excited for mentors to continue or start to build relationships with students. We can't wait to see what this new school year brings!

As we look ahead, those relationships stay front and center. Our vision is that Kids Hope USA is the leading mentoring ministry, known for enduring faithfulness, impact, and legacy.

LEADING MENTORING MINISTRY

With three decades of mentoring experience, Kids Hope USA can be a leader in this space and serve as a model to other mentoring and outreach organizations. The term "ministry" emphasizes the important relational aspect in connecting students with Christ-followers from a church or organization.

These partnerships offer a simple, effective, and consistent opportunity to show the love of Jesus to a child in their neighborhood.

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ENDURING FAITHFULNESS, IMPACT, AND LEGACY

As we pursue this mentoring ministry, we highlight the themes of faithfulness, impact, and legacy to describe relationships with mentors and students and the impact in churches and communities. We rejoice in the many ways these relationships have brought transformation to churches and communities.

Friends, I am grateful for each of you and the important role you play in the work we do at Kids Hope USA. We ask for your prayers for God's blessing over the thousands of mentors and students who build a meaningful relationship each week.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Pearson".

Karen Pearson Ph.D.
President Kids Hope USA



ENDURING FAITHFULNESS, IMPACT, AND LEGACY



As a leading mentoring ministry, this faithfulness, impact, and legacy of Kids Hope USA reaches from the individual mentor-student relationship, to the church, to the school community.

FAITHFULNESS

IMPACT

LEGACY

INDIVIDUALS



Many mentors and students spend
3+ years
together.

87% of students
improved in academic skills.
(Greenway, 2022)

Former mentees stepping in to serve the next generation as a mentor.

CHURCHES



Mentoring serves as a bridge with the community, empowering churches to live into their calling.

77% of mentors
said that mentoring helped them live out their faith.
(Greenway, 2023)

Students engage in summer camps and other events at church, sharing opportunities to learn about Jesus.

SCHOOL



This past school year,
578,084 hours
were spent supporting mentor and student relationships.

Deepened relationship with the school opens doors for additional ways to serve through backpack and food programs.

44% of schools
have had a Kids Hope USA program for 10+ years



YOUR GIFT MATTERS



We're excited to lean into this next season at Kids Hope USA and pursue our vision to be the leading mentoring ministry known for enduring faithfulness, impact, and legacy. But, we cannot do this without your support and generosity throughout the year.

We ask you to help us continue this important work that is changing students and schools, and mentors and their congregations, through a financial gift today! Thank you for joining us in this important work!



DID YOU KNOW?

Kids Hope USA works to raise

\$1.8M+

each school year to support

725+ PROGRAMS

and empower nearly

6,000 MENTORS

as they form and foster healthy one-on-one mentoring relationships with students across the country.



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Since 1995, Ottawa Reformed Church has partnered with Kids Hope USA to provide transformative one-on-one mentoring. Over the years, this church has witnessed changes in education, children, and family dynamics, along with God's faithfulness and the impact mentoring has on families.

Ottawa Reformed has adapted to meet community needs, embracing new ideas and opportunities. Through a partnership with a local business, they have worked together to facilitate more mentoring relationships—seeing more kids served and a growth in community investment.

God has been at work in both mentors' and mentees' lives. Countless stories share how mentors encourage students facing challenges, providing a safe space for them to share frustrations and celebrate successes. Each week, mentors demonstrate God's unconditional love, patience, goodness, and kindness. With God's Spirit and through prayer, they continue to trust God in transforming lives through one-on-one mentoring.

"I enjoy knowing that kids have that one person in their life who doesn't necessarily have to be there but wants to be there for them! This one-on-one relationship makes all the difference when you're in a tough spot." - Lori Geerts, Kids Hope USA program director.

OTTAWA REFORMED CHURCH

Zeeland, Michigan

Partner School: Roosevelt Elementary

Director: Lori Geerts

30-35 MENTORS

on average serve students each year at Roosevelt Elementary through Ottawa Reformed Church's Kids Hope USA program.





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WALKING TOGETHER IN
ONE-ON-ONE
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RELATIONSHIPS



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