



IMPACT REPORT

Kids Hope USA in Michigan 2023-2024

31
counties have a Kids
Hope USA program

190 schools

DID YOU KNOW?

Kids Hope USA was
founded in West
Michigan in **1995**

80% of the first 15
programs are **still**
active!

KHUSA
National Office

272
mentoring
programs

4,460
lives impacted
by a Kids Hope
USA program
*includes both
mentors and students

2,230
Kids Hope USA
students

77
school districts

210,002
hours invested in one-on-one
mentoring relationships

Kids Hope USA equips churches to mobilize their congregation,
sending volunteer mentors into the schools to meet with
students in a one-on-one mentoring relationship.



2023-2024 IMPACT

Kent County



210,002 HOURS

INVESTED IN A KIDS HOPE USA
MENTORING RELATIONSHIP THIS
YEAR IN MICHIGAN



MICHIGAN IMPACT

2230

Mentor-student
relationships

272

Kids Hope USA
programs

13%

increase in
student-mentor
relationships from
prior year

190

Elementary
schools have a
Kids Hope USA
program



KENT COUNTY IMPACT

50672

hours invested in Kids
Hope USA
relationships

28%

of Michigan Kids
Hope USA programs
are in Kent County

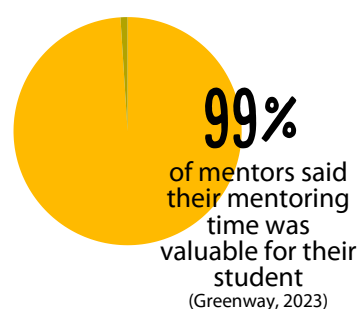
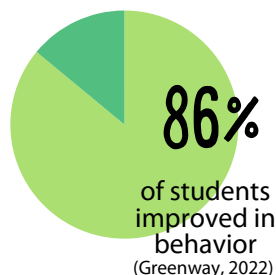
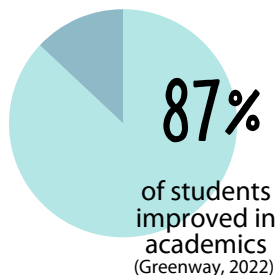
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Programs have
been around for
10+ years

15

School districts
partnered

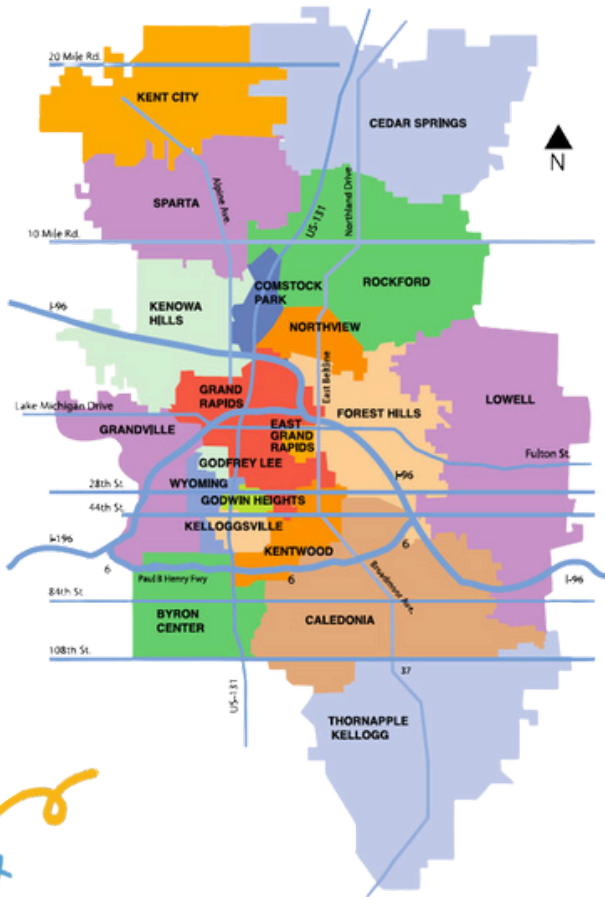
AFTER ONE YEAR OF MENTORING...





2024-2025 OPPORTUNITY

Kent County



OVERVIEW - KENT COUNTY

- 4th most populous county in Michigan
- 118 elementary schools
- 24 districts

48%

elementary schools
without a Kids Hope USA
program

85%

of existing KHUSA
programs want to
serve more children

“ I have seen an increase in confidence and social skills with a decrease in anxiety and students building more self awareness and sharing emotions with their mentors. ”

- Kids Hope USA Director

DID YOU KNOW?

59+

students on waitlist at
existing partner schools in
Kent County



700

anticipated Kids Hope USA
student - mentor
relationships in 2024-2025

“ These mentors play a critical role in the growth and achievement of our students; the one-on-one relationships they have with students makes such a difference in the lives of both, the mentor and the child. ”

-Superintendent, Grand Rapids, MI



KENT COUNTY PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



CONGRESS ELEMENTARY
AND LA GRAVE AVENUE
CHURCH,
GRAND RAPIDS, MI



The more I've mentored, the more I love it. I come out here, play games and laugh. Underneath all that fun, I get to give that fundamental support and message to these kids that they're good kids, that we love them.

Peter Jonker, Pastor at LaGrave Avenue

This is a strong community partnership, and everyone benefits from it. Our scholars benefit from mentors coming in and mentors talking about their personal and professional experiences. Mentors cheer them on for their academic success. Our scholars learn so much, and our mentors also learn from our future leaders.

**Jennifer Williams, Principal
Congress Elementary School**

Kids Hope USA provides such a great opportunity for us to engage in our community. It's really so simple but forms such a fun and mutual relationship between us and Congress. Everybody's giving; everyone's receiving.

**Elizabeth Scholtens,
Kids Hope USA
program director at
LaGrave Avenue Church**

DID YOU KNOW?

Congress Elementary lists Kids Hope USA on their website as a **top benefit** for students at their school

VIDEO HIGHLIGHT

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED



SUPPORT

We count on generous donors to help raise the 2 million needed to steward existing programs and equip new programs.



SERVE

Every child deserves a mentor! More than 700 students are on the Kids Hope USA mentoring waitlist - volunteer today!



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Share a story and advocate for KHUSA with a church, pastor, friend, neighbor, or co-worker.