



BECOMING A PARTNER

YOUR NEXT STEPS IN SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL THROUGH A ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING PROGRAM.

Through a Kids Hope USA mentoring program, church members are active participants in serving the students in their community through caring, consistent relationships. Check out these essential steps in establishing a Kids Hope USA program through your church.



1 SECURE LEADERSHIP APPROVAL ✓

As you begin this partnership, confirm approval to move forward with church leadership (i.e. pastors, elders, leadership team, etc.). Church leadership helps to set the vision, identifies and screens the director, and participates as a mentor or prayer partner.

“It is so great to hear from school staff what a great influence the mentors are having with their students. Students look forward with such energy for their mentor to come each week.”

-Director”

2 CONNECT WITH A SCHOOL



Kids Hope USA helps your church connect with a local school, providing structure, training and support for your partnership.

3 APPOINT A DIRECTOR



The church appoints a program director to lead volunteers and serve as the point of contact with the school, providing supervision and support for volunteers. Programs are encouraged to have co-directors to help support volunteers and provide longevity. To prepare for their role, each program director completes a comprehensive online, self-paced training course with the support of Kids Hope USA staff.



RESPONSIBILITIES OF A PROGRAM DIRECTOR INCLUDE:

- Ensure all mentors are screened and trained.
- Organize and track all files according to Kids Hope USA guidelines.
- Match students with mentors, in collaboration with school.
- Supervise, monitor, and support mentor-student relationships.



RECRUITING A DIRECTOR

To help you select directors for your program, Kids Hope USA provides practical resources! Check out our [Recruiting Directors page](#) or scan the QR code!



AFFILIATE AGREEMENT

After a director is screened, approved, and in agreement, you'll also affirm your partnership with Kids Hope USA by signing an affiliation agreement. This document confirms your commitment to the program and adherence to best practices. You'll receive an invoice for program set-up and annual partnership fees.



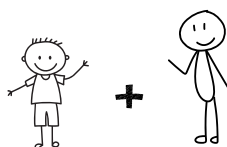
4 RECRUIT, SCREEN, & TRAIN VOLUNTEERS



The church and program director recruit mentors and prayer partners to serve and support students through this transformative mentoring program. Kids Hope USA provides resources to help you recruit volunteers.

All prospective mentors are required to complete an application, interview, pastoral review, and background check required for child safety. Once mentors are approved, they will move through mentor training, provided by Kids Hope USA. This training equips mentors to develop relationships with their students and helps shape a mentor's motivation and goals coming into the relationship. Child safety is a key component to the Kids Hope USA program.

5 MATCH MENTORS & STUDENTS



The program director and the school contact collaborate to pair mentors with selected students. Matches may be made based on personalities and experiences or simply due to schedules. Mentoring matches are tracked through an online management platform directors can access.



6 BEGIN MENTORING!



Mentors meet with their student for one hour each week at school, during the school day. Activities can include things like games, crafts, reading, and other fun opportunities. While they may engage in academic work, the emphasis is on building relationships rather than tutoring.

The Kids Hope USA portal also houses numerous resources for mentors like games, activities, and other ideas for how to spend the mentoring hour. Mentors can also access resources and activities on the Kids Hope USA Mentor App!

“We love seeing the mentors come into our school to meet with our students. Their consistency and encouragement is transforming our students.”
-Principal

YOUR NEXT STEPS

Interested in a Kids Hope USA program at your church? Here are your next steps in exploring and getting started!



Confirm the elementary school your church would like to partner with.



Find one or two directors to oversee the program. Connect them with us by sending their contact information to your Partnership Growth Specialist or partnerships@kidshopeusa.org so that we can reach out.

QUESTIONS? CONNECT WITH YOUR PARTNERSHIP GROWTH SPECIALIST!