



WALKING TOGETHER

FALL 2026



“Tuesdays are my favorite day,
because I know you are coming.”

—Kids Hope USA Student



WELCOME TO THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



Dear Friends of Kids Hope USA,

Welcome to fall and to the beginning of another school year! Classrooms are filling with students; pastors and directors are preparing their programs; and mentors are getting ready to reconnect with their students or meet a new friend for the first time.

As we step into this new year together, I invite us to pause and remember **why we are here.**

At Kids Hope USA, our WHY is beautifully simple:

We believe that all kids matter to Jesus. And we believe that followers of Jesus are uniquely called to love and care for those in their community.

These beliefs are rooted in Scripture and find clear expression of Jesus' words:

"Love the Lord your God with every passion of your heart, with all the energy of your being, and with every thought that is within you; and, love your neighbor as yourself."

Matt. 22:37-39 TPT

Sometimes we make these commands more complicated than they need to be. We struggle to see how we can love God with our full selves or wrestle with who our "neighbor" actually is. All the while, we have a perfect picture of this in Jesus, who demonstrated this love first: to his Father, to his disciples, even to those who rejected him on the cross.

Mentoring is a tangible way to share the love we have so freely received with those we intentionally choose to walk alongside and support this year: our students, our schools, and our communities.

I pray you recognize how God is already using your steady presence, faithful service, and quiet obedience to change lives — through ordinary moments that reflect the extraordinary love of Jesus.

For the kids,

Kara Nguyen
President & CEO, Kids Hope USA



CONNECTING FAITH + MENTORING

Connecting our faith to the steady practice of mentoring is one way to grow deeper, both in our relationship with God and in how we show up in this ministry — as a mentor, director, prayer partner, pastor, or donor.

Whether you meet with a child week after week, or you support through your prayer, leadership, or generosity, Fanning the Flame is an excellent way to reflect on mentoring and connect it with God's story in scripture. Thanks to generous donor support, Fanning the Flame is a free, three-session small group course exploring the spiritual depth of mentoring.

This isn't your typical Bible study — it's an invitation to see mentoring through the lens of faith, and faith through the lens of mentoring.

THREE-SESSION COURSE EXPLORING THE SPIRITUAL DEPTH OF MENTORING



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this free study!



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6,500
mentor-student
relationships



815
programs



WHERE WE'RE HEADED IN 2026-2027



WE NEED YOU!

HELP US MAKE MORE ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS POSSIBLE



Many students are looking forward to being with their mentor again this year, and we are eager to help form new relationships for those students who are still waiting for a mentor of their own. Your support helps make that possible.

TWO WAYS TO PUT LOVE INTO ACTION



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INVEST IN MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS



For just \$25 a month - or \$300 a year - you can help sustain one life-changing mentoring relationship. Your gift joins others to equip churches, train mentors, and provide the ongoing support that helps caring adults faithfully show up for students in their neighborhood schools.

GIVE TODAY!



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PRAY FOR KIDS HOPE USA RELATIONSHIPS



- Students and mentors as they build meaningful relationships.
 - Directors and pastors as they lead and provide vision.
 - Teachers and staff for renewed energy and passion.
 - Families and communities as mentoring creates lasting impact.
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MENTOR HIGHLIGHTS



Kids Hope USA conducts an annual survey to gain insight, elevate the ministry, and collect stories. This year, we heard from over 1,100 mentors across the country about the power of one-on-one mentoring relationships. Here are a few highlights from what they shared.

90%

of mentors said they feel more connected to their church because of mentoring



99%

of mentors said they have made a positive impact on their student



77%

of mentors said they chose to mentor because of a personal desire to serve



TOP OUTCOMES FOR STUDENTS

- Relational & social growth
- Positive behavior
- Increased confidence

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“The church isn't there for just itself but to show the love of Jesus to the world, including our community. This is one small way we can do that.”

-Kids Hope USA Mentor

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“As a kid, I had many amazing adults who invested in my life. It is a blessing to be able to do the same for someone else. I love getting to build a relationship with my student. Helping her feel special, loved, and important is a great gift to me.”

-Kids Hope USA Mentor



Survey conducted by
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