



## Mentoring Program



**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

### *Summary of program*

- Our Mentoring program matches trained volunteer mentors with families struggling to overcome the bonds of poverty, homelessness and reentry after incarceration.
- Family Pathfinders trains volunteers from churches, community organizations or corporations to mentor families for one year who are struggling to become financially stable.
- Mentors join hands with the family, helping them make the very difficult transition to financial stability. Each mentor provides a broad range of support including budgeting, job preparation, decision making, emotional support, parenting and goal setting.
- A volunteer time commitment of 3-4 hours/month can release a family from the cycle of poverty, and the ripple effect of that transformation will not only strengthen that one family, but also future generations.
- Our 85% rate of retained employment confirms that this unique program makes a difference in people's lives when they learn life skills from caring, committed volunteers.
- The program has been recognized for Best Practices by Urban Partnership Initiatives of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

#### *Benefits to client:*

- Break cycle of poverty one family at a time
- Connect to available resources
- Become a valued employee
- Become financially stable

#### *Benefits to mentors:*

- Outreach opportunity for individuals or a small group
- Make a visible difference in someone's life
- Does not engender dependence on volunteers
- Supported by Family Pathfinders staff

Are there people in your organization who might be willing to commit to mentoring a family?

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*Give a man a fish and you feed him for today. Teach a man to fish and you have fed him for a lifetime.*