

Thank you, Rome Area Chamber of Commerce Members, for supporting the Rome City School District Mentoring Program!

- With the Rome Chamber playing a lead role in the recruitment of mentors, the Rome City School District successfully concluded another year of helping elementary school children achieve their full potential.
- For the past three years, the Chamber's member businesses and organizations, as well as the Chamber's Board of Directors and Education Committee, have actively supported the Mentoring Program by recruiting mentors and raising public awareness of its benefits to students. This year, the Chamber was instrumental in recruiting 68 mentors who met weekly with mentees for one hour a week from November 2018 to May 2019 in all seven elementary schools.
- Here's a sampling of what Mentees & Mentors are saying about the 2018-19 Rome City School District Mentoring Program!

MENTEES:

- "I love mentoring because it's fun, awesome, and the best place in the galaxy and the world."
- "I like mentoring because I can talk to people."
- "I like mentoring because we get to do fun stuff."
- "Thank you for mentoring because I like being able to make new friends."
- "I really enjoy how we get to have an active mind. And do activities with friends and mentors."
- "I like mentoring because we can do games and eat a snack!"
- "I like mentoring because it's cool."
- "I love the mentoring program so much I want it to be every day and never ending for 24 hours a day."
- "[Mentoring] is the greatest after-school program I ever went to!"
- "Thank you so much for mentoring. This, it changed my life."
- "Thank you for mentoring. I've been here for two years. I love it."
- "I love the snacks - much better quality than the mush for lunch. No regrets."
- "I love [mentoring] because it is fun to hang out with the mentors and fun activities."
- "I love [mentoring] because it's super fun and I have new friends."
- "I love mentoring because we learn things."

MENTORS:

- "I am so honored to be part of the mentoring program. It is a wonderful opportunity to connect with all of the children. They can try new things and share experiences together."
- "I like being a mentor because I have seen great changes in the students!"
- "I came to this program thinking I might be able to make a difference in the life of a beautiful young person in my community. I had no idea how much of a difference these wonderful people would impact me!"
- "I love the mentoring program because of the special relationships that blossom throughout the year. It's amazing to watch."
- "So many people have helped me through some hard times in my life, and now I have the opportunity to give back my time and kindness. I feel absolutely blessed to be a part of the [mentoring] community."
- "I love spending time with the kids each week!"
- "Mentoring has made me appreciate more than I could have ever imagined! Two years and loving it!"
- "I appreciate the mentoring program because I can spend time with children and give them a chance to talk and be themselves outside of the school realm. Plus, I get to be a kid again for an hour each week!"
- "Mentoring has made a ripple effect in all our lives."
- "This is a new adventure. At my age it is interesting to know that I can have a positive effect on this young generation. I have been learning a lot!"
- "I love mentoring because we get to work with these kids in a one-on-one situation. They are enjoyable!"
- "The mentoring program has had a wonderful impact on our school. Both mentors and mentees are eager to share their time together, and the joy and excitement are wonderful to see."
- "My second year in this program and just loving it. The mentees and mentors are wonderful."



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