

HOME, Inc.

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Who is HOME, Inc.?

HOME, Inc. (Here-in Our Motives Evolve) was founded to develop the talents of inner city teenagers, youth organizations and schools in media and communications. HOME's Media Lab Partnerships (MLP) reach over 1,000 middle and high school students in multiple Boston area wide schools. Central to the partnership is the creation of media labs; shared public space within the school equipped with Mac editing systems and production equipment, and a media lab coordinator. The lab coordinator manages the labs, designs and teaches in school and after school programs, reaches out to and assists teachers to use media projects in their classrooms and coordinates volunteers. Students individually and in collaboration learn a range of media skills from deconstructing media content; conducting research on the internet; learn about the use and applications of today's social media; construct simple web sites; acquire skills in a variety of computer graphic programs like Photoshop; learn digital storytelling; and gain facility in the use of portable video production and editing.

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Why Should I Mentor?

Being part of a mentoring program can make an important difference in a child's life. Research shows that young people involved in a mentoring program increase their chances of high school graduation and college attendance, and decrease the likelihood of substance abuse and other risky behaviors. And there are the personal rewards of mentoring. Studies show that persons who mentor feel better about themselves and are more engaged in their communities.

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HOME, Inc.'s Media Mentors Program



Have you considered volunteering as a mentor?

HOME, Inc., is a non-profit organization that was established in 1974, focused on youth media literacy. We are seeking caring professionals and/or college students who work in or are majoring in communications and related fields to mentor high school students enrolled in our media classes.

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Why is HOME, Inc. Starting a Mentoring Program?

At its most basic level, our program will connect students with a caring adult, which they might not have. Our students are going through the critical years of adolescence and early adulthood, when young people can benefit from adult guidance. Mentors can also help students clarify life goals particularly as it relates to pursuing post secondary education and exploring career paths in media. Most high school students are unaware of the multitude of career opportunities in media – both in front and behind the camera. Mentors who work or who are majoring in these fields can open our students' horizons to the variety of opportunities and the skills needed to take advantage of these opportunities. Beyond just simply educating students about these possibilities, mentors can help them secure internships or even jobs at media companies. These relationships are especially important in an industry where so many opportunities are based on personal connections.

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Q&A

What are Our Expectations of a Mentor?

- Mentors are expected to meet once a week with their mentee (4 hours per month).
- Make a one-year commitment (9-months for college students).
- Attend a mentor training workshop and other additional trainings/events.
- Maintain regular communications with HOME, Inc. staff.

What Kind of Mentor are We Looking for?

Mentors all have one thing in common – they care. If you have a sincere interest in the success of our youth and a caring attitude, you are perfect. We are looking for volunteers who work in media and related fields (e.g. – video and radio production, journalism, web design, publishing, advertising) or college students majoring in similar fields. You could work in the private sector, for a non-profit, a school or university. You have to have some flexibility with your time and be able to meet with your mentee at your work site, HOME, Inc.'s office, or at the mentee's school. If you and your mentee elect to meet at your work site it must be accessible by public transit.

What Kind of Support Can You Expect From HOME, Inc.?

HOME, Inc. will provide training for mentors through an orientation workshop. The workshop will focus on program expectations, best practices in mentoring, and give mentors an opportunity to meet with other mentors. Other workshops may be more open ended and allow mentors to discuss their ongoing relationship with their mentees and areas where they may be experiencing difficulties. We will also endeavor to provide mentors will access to resources about mentoring by including online resources with links to articles on best practices in mentoring and other activities that you can engage in with your mentee.

Where Can I Find Additional Information On Mentoring?

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