

**THE CHALLENGE TO  
HARDIN  
BUSINESS  
& CORPO-  
COUNTY  
OWNERS  
RATIONS**



Business owners and managers continually say they need a highly qualified, highly educated, capa-

ble workforce. This is your chance to be a part of MAKING it happen!  
If you are a business owner/manager holding this brochure in your hands, you have the challenge (ok, two challenges) to: 1) commit **one hour** per week to mentoring a child yourself; and 2) allow your Employee (s) the **one hour** a week it takes to change the life of a child and begin a true community-building project that will leave a lasting legacy.  
*You in?*

**MENTORING MILITARY KIDS**

Military kids face a totally different set of stressors than other kids, especially when their parent(s) are deployed in harm's way. Because of the close proximity to Fort Knox, Vine Grove Elementary, James T. Alton, and North Hardin Middle Schools formed a grant partnership with the **OneHourRevolutionProgram** to create a school-based mentoring program for military children. Hardin County Schools and **OneHourRevolutionProgram** work hand-in-hand to specifically match military children with dependable volunteers. Mentor's meet with their Mentee's at school for **one hour** per week. If you feel you would be a great fit for mentoring the child of one of America's finest, just contact us:

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**ONE LAST THOUGHT**

Just remember: Mentor's are not meant to replace a parent, guardian or teacher. A Mentor is not a disciplinarian or decision maker for a child. Instead, a Mentor echoes the positive values and cultural heritage parents and guardians are teaching. A Mentor is part of a team of caring adults. You CAN do this!

*"How lovely to think that no one need wait a moment, we can start now, start slowly changing the world. How lovely that everyone, great and small, can make their contribution...how we can always, always give something, even if it is only kindness - Anne Frank*

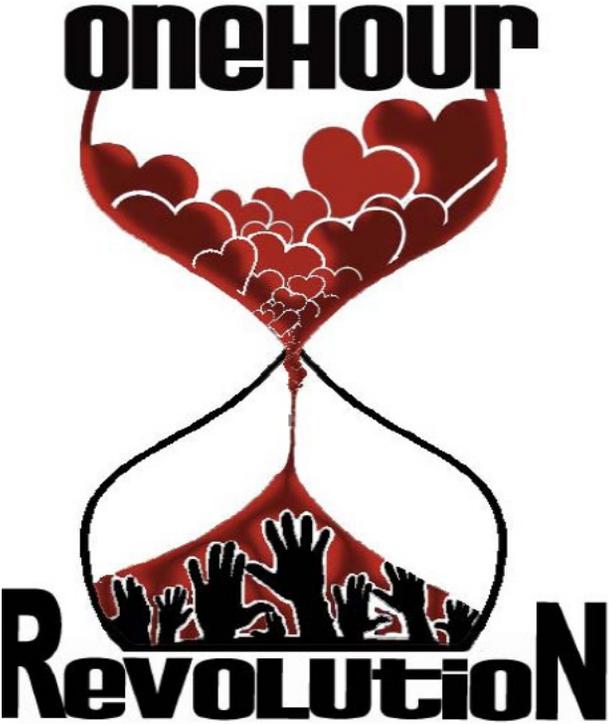
**READY TO GET STARTED?**

Good! This is going to be one of the smartest decisions you ever made!  
Know this as you prepare to take the first step: You will have access to knowledgeable professionals who will guide you from the beginning, through the process of filling out your [simple] application, to coaching and encouraging you as you experience one of the most amazing journeys of your life. So, fear not!

Let's shape together the future of Hardin County, one child **ONE HOUR** at a time

*To mentor a child just contact us !*

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**It's our future,  
Hardin County!  
Create it.**

*One child.  
One hour.*

**At a time.**

# “Be the change you want to see in the world.” -Ghandi

## You say you want a revolution?

Well, it's here, it's now, and it's YOUR revolution! You hold in your hands one of the biggest keys to success in education in Hardin County and beyond **the chance to GET INVOLVED in the life of a child.**

Most of us have **one hour** a week that we fritter away doing inconsequential activities.

How amazing and wonderful would our community become if each of us took that **one hour** and dedicated it to the well being of a child?

How much positive change do you think we could implement by giving **one hour** a week to make a child smile? Make a child feel more self-confident?

Make a child want to reach for the stars in terms of academic fulfillment and personal achievement?

The possibilities are endless and we are sitting on a gold-mine of potential that is, well, going untapped.

## What do you say? Are you ready to:

- Be a good listener?
- Be a positive role model?
- Be a life coach?
- Be a cheerleader?
- Be a leader?
- Be a friend?

Not convinced yet? There's more.....



## FACTS BY THE HOUR

A study was completed that MENTORING, has a major impact on a child's life. According to the results, teachers reported that:

- 64% of students developed more positive attitudes toward school
- 58% achieved higher grades in social studies, languages, and math
- 60% improved relationships with adults; 56% improved relationships with peers
- 64% developed higher levels of self-confidence, and 77% of teachers, parents and volunteers involved in the pilot programs reported increases in students' self-esteem.
- 62% were more likely to trust their teachers
- In addition, participating students were also less likely than their peers to repeat a grade, and their average number of unexcused absences decreased.

## STILL THINKING IT OVER?

How about hearing it straight from a few Hardin County Schools elementary students who are excelling with the help of their mentors?

*"He is great, cool, and fun to play with." - Jeffrey T.*

*"I like her the best. I spend my time with her. I learn new words from her." - Jessica S.*

*"She is the best! She is funny. I'd like to spend more time with her." - Andrew L.*



## SCHOOL-BASED MENTORING

Mentor's (that's you) and Mentee's (your soon-to-be-new-friend) meet for one-to-one mentoring in the classroom, school library, school computer room, Cafeteria, Family Resource Center. Mentor's and Mentee's typically meet once a week for **one hour** to read together, play sports or computer games, or simply talk about life and personal issues – just as friends do. You will have LOTS of help through the Family Resource Coordinator (FRC) at your student's school. They will keep you up-to-date on your Mentee's progress, and FRC's are a great source of ideas for what you might do to have fun with your Mentee. By sharing fun activities and exposing a young person to new experiences, a mentor encourages positive choices, promotes high self-esteem, supports academic achievement, and introduces their Mentee's to new ideas. You and Your Mentee, for **one hour** per week, can:

- Focus on schoolwork and friendship
- Plan a project for school
- Set career goals and start taking steps to realize them
- Make healthy choices about day-to-day life, from food to exercise and beyond
- Think through a problem at home or school.



## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Betcha' didn't know you can mentor a younger student, did you? You know you've got what it takes — make the call!

“Children are likely to live up to what you believe of them.” - Lady Bird Johnson