**Networking 101**

**Leadership Summit 2017**

**RECRUITMENT**

* Board members recruit – submit names
* Recruit retirees (personalized thanks/invites)
* Recruitment cards, hand out
* Barber in town recruits men
* Most are self-nominated - mentees
* Mentor-mentee presentation
* Face to face
* Mentors ask others to mentor
* Mentor of the month signs
* Mentor recruiting goal with a pizza party when met
* Booths at events and tailgates, back to school
* Local companies/businesses/churches
* Retired teachers
* Page included in roster booklets
* Radio/newspaper
* School website/social media pages
* Inviting potential mentors to training to see what it’s about before signing up
* Presentation at a bible study\*
* Employers in the community speak about Teammates in orientation for new hires.
* Target senior citizens
* Target churches, competition to recruit or to show # of mentors in church
* Men talk to men to recruit

**MATCHING**

* Interest form/interview
* Get one on one time with mentee to check on match
* Asking mentee or mentor who they would pick if they could
* Mentor/mentee interviews
* Match based on interests – helps in a small town when you know people a little more personally
* Mentee training during the initial match so mentee and mentor hear the same and sign agreement together
* School counselor
* Knowing the community
* Research
* Rely on board/teachers/community to learn more about mentors and mentee

**MATCH SUPPORT**

* Newsletter
* Updates/communication
* Appreciation gifts
* REMIND notifications
* Honor mentors with certificate and prizes
* Match huddles 3-4 times a year. Some are networking, some have a presenter
* Office administration helps a lot.
* Separate activities for different age groups
* Have one on one conversations with disengaged mentors and mentees
* Contact mentees – email HS kids
* Call parents if we need to get info to mentees
* Homeroom or individually contact mentees
* Email mentors directly at least once a month
* National Mentoring Month sent hand written thank you from mentees to mentors
* Gave a mug to mentors
* Last Tuesday of the month breakfast for high school matches

**FUNDRAISING**

* Concession stands
* Grants
* Big ask
* Appeal letter
* A yearly rotation
* Golf tournament
* 5k
* Silent auction
* Sports teams sign balls/helmets to auction off at half time
* 50/50 pots
* Dueling pianos event
* Comedian March 30 Valerie Bren, Corporate table sponsors/invite community
* Golf marathon- sponsors for event and golfer pledges
* Walk change ups
* Tailgates
* United Fund – United way
* Venture grant
* Gala Money
* Tree and wreath silent auction
* Go Big Give
* Polar Plunge
* “Ask” letter to parents, businesses, etc.
* Dodgeball Tournament

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

* Movie afternoon at theater with mentor mentee and family
* Movie night at school
* Spring Game
* Hockey Game
* Baseball game
* Mentor appreciation
* 1 hour walk
* Painting class
* Game night at school
* Mentor appreciation dinner at restaurant
* Appreciation dinner with mentees at the school serving mentors
* Bowling party
* Fun day for mentees and mentors
* Tailgate party to start year
* Girls night out and paint and sip with mentors and mentees
* Boys night out with mentors and mentees (basketball game)
* Attend local community theater as a group
* End of year event
* Sporting events
* Creighton game
* Mini Golf as a group
* Miss America
* Mentor/mentee fun day
* Welcome back pizza bash
* Decorate movie theater for Christmas then watch movie
* Recognition at basketball game
* Hamburger fee (families of mentees and mentors)
* Back to school lunch
* College tours (juniors and seniors)
* Senior send off (awards and food)
* Christmas party decorating cookies
* Soup feed
* March Madness free throw shooting
* Tree and wreath decorating
* Pumpkin decorating
* Stuffing Easter eggs for Chamber
* Making signs for mentor and mentee yards

**T**RAINI**NG**

* We train as needed, both new and renewal
* We have 1 or 2 training opportunities a year
* We have additional trainings on a variety of topics
* We ask parents to sit in on mentee trainings
* Invite parents to mentor trainings
* We use the video for mentee training
* We have seniors talk to mentees in training
* Mentor renewal training - Ally came and did it, HERO training with renewal
* Board member training – program coordinators, treasurer
* Add video clips to training power point especially key points that can be explained by TM staff with common language