

# Impact Report



**MENTOR** *me*  
NORTH GEORGIA, INC.

# 2022: A Year of Celebration



**Julie Brennan**

Board of Directors | Chair 2022-2024  
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**Mentor Me North Georgia, Inc.** celebrated 20 years of service to the Forsyth County community in 2022. Twenty years of service would not have been possible without the support of our donors, community leaders, civic organizations, teachers, administrators, parents, caregivers, families, and numerous individuals and supporters who believe and support our mission. Their assistance and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

This Impact Report provides you with a look at the work of Mentor Me North Georgia, Inc. and how your contributions have provided our staff with the necessary funding to provide youth ages 6 to 17 with professionally supported mentoring relationships. Our volunteers give their time, talents and treasures to our youth and are committed to helping them as needed, when needed.

On behalf of our Board of Directors and our staff, thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

We look forward to the next 20 years!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie".

Julie Brennan  
Board of Directors  
Chair 2022-2024

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The Forsyth County Schools (FCS) Strategic Plan can be summed up in three words: Safe, Connected and Thriving. We want all children to have a sense of purpose and belonging. Mentor Me North Georgia (MMNG) provides invaluable assistance in ensuring that ALL students have a positive, meaningful relationship with a caring adult. MMNG's mission aligns directly with the FCS Strategic Plan. Without question, MMNG is one of Forsyth County Schools most outstanding partners."

Dr. Jeff Bearden | Superintendent, Forsyth County Schools



# From the Executive Director



**Kerry Carithers**  
Executive Director  
Kerry@MentorMeNorthGa.org

Mentoring is one of the most widely used approaches to engage children and youth who experience vulnerability or adversity and need positive adult support. Mentor Me North Georgia’s community-based mentoring programs foster meaningful personal connections that have lasting effects for children and youth who participate. At any given moment a mentor may serve as an advisor, coach, teacher, or advocate for today’s youth. Essentially, mentoring programs ensure that children and youth have at least one supportive role model in their life that can encourage personal growth while providing a pathway to greater life achievements.

Research indicates that children and youth in mentoring programs show advancements in academic achievements, improvements with their social and emotional well-being, increased self-awareness, and confidence, and have a higher chance of attending post-secondary education.

We believe that every child deserves the chance to reach their full potential regardless of their financial ability. Our programs align with the child well-being index by providing resources and services that focus on educational advancement and addressing mental health issues that exist with the youth we serve.

Yours in Service,

*Kerry*  
Kerry Carithers

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2022 Gold  
Program of the Year  
Forsyth County  
Schools  
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## Financial Highlights

- 22% Increase in fundraising revenue
- 18% Growth in revenue
- 13% Increase in monthly donors



# Our Impact

**2,435**  
CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVED



## One-to-One Mentoring

81 program participants  
81 volunteers provided 2,675 service hours

## Mentoring After School (MAS)

5 program sites with 121 elementary school students served  
112 volunteers provided 2,941 service hours  
78% of mentors are high school students

## Connect Club

12 club sites with 2,233 middle and high school students served  
24 volunteers provided 338 service hours

## Totals

Total Volunteers: 223  
Total Volunteer Service Hours: 5,936 + Board Hours  
Total Funds Raised: \$340,563  
Grants/Foundation: \$163,031  
Corporate Contributions: \$74,000  
Individual & Business Contributions: \$31,258  
Civic Organizations: \$9,000  
Special Events/Fundraiser: \$63,274

## What we reported to United Way as overall changes

54% performing better in school  
66% improved behaviors  
79% are more self-confident

## Grant funding provided by

United Way of Forsyth County  
The Benjamin F Brady Foundation  
Corner Farms  
Forsyth County Social Services Grant  
North Georgia Community Foundation  
Dollar General Literacy Foundation  
The Chantal & Tommy Bagwell Foundation  
Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation



# Our 2022 Donors

*The support and contributions of our donors allow Mentor Me North Georgia staff and volunteers to fulfill its mission. Your trust makes it possible for us to do what we can, when we can, for all we serve.*

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Trica Welsh  
Troncali Subaru  
United Way of Forsyth County  
Vickery Pediatrics  
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*Thank you!*

*We apologize if we have omitted anyone from this list of 2022 donors. The list has been compiled to the best of our knowledge. We are grateful to all who have contributed to the success of Mentor Me North Georgia.*

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Beaver Toyota of Cumming is dedicated to lifting the at-risk children of our community, and has partnered with Mentor Me North Georgia for several years. The MMNG team has done an amazing job of offering support and encouragement to help historically underserved children achieve greatness. It also engages and fulfills our team members in a truly meaningful way.”

Cheryl McFadden | Director of Community Partnerships  
Beaver Toyota of Cumming



# Meet Our Team

## Executive Board of Directors

Board Chair - Julie Brennan, Publisher, My Forsyth Magazine

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Lynn Jackson - Administrator, Northside Hospital-Forsyth, Community Liaison

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Cindy Salloum - Associate Superintendent of HR & Legal Services, Forsyth County Schools

Tricia Welsh - Owner, Kideapolis, Inc.

## Mentor Me Staff

Kerry Carithers - Executive Director

Alison Gaines - One-to-One Mentoring Program Director

Freddie Lopez - Mentoring After School (MAS) Program Director

Rachel Kern - Youth Program Director

Brandy Povenz - MM Connect Program Coordinator

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Browns Bridge is proud to partner with an organization that shines brightly in our community. Mentor Me continues to make a lasting impact in our community and enriches the lives of countless people. They lead the way with their programs and monthly mentor outings. This investment will change the trajectory of many students' lives and we are grateful to be a part of that.”

Robin Chapman | Intersect Director, Browns Bridge Church



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Mentoring  
amplifies change,  
one relationship  
at a time.  
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Mentor Me North Georgia, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the diverse needs of youth in our community, particularly children ages 6-17.

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