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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

United Way of Greater Augusta will host a Mentor/Tutor Recruitment Fair for National Mentor Month

January is National Mentor Month and we are hosting a Mentor/Tutor Recruitment Fair on January 12th to provide people with an opportunity to learn about organizations that need Mentors & Tutors.

Statistics tell us that young adults who were initially considered “at-risk”, but then received a mentor are: 55% more likely to enroll in college, 78% more likely to volunteer regularly and 130% more likely to hold leadership positions (www.mentoring.org). Mentoring provides young people with someone who cares about them and their success. It also lets them know that they are not alone in their struggles because now they have someone to help them deal with their problems and guide them to solutions.

Sometimes a mentor sees something in a person that they didn’t know was there before like in the case of our Board Member, Melissa Martin. She was not considered an “at-risk” youth, she did not come from a “broken” home or spent her childhood on the streets of a “major metropolitan city”, but a “mentor still changed my life,” Melissa explains. Her mentor came in a form of a Marketing Teacher who she met on her first day of 10th grade. They were not involved in a Mentor Program, just simple daily interactions, but she was able to inspire Melissa to pursue her dreams through new interest that Melissa didn’t even know she had. Melissa took on volunteer projects and soon found herself as a leader among her peers. Eventually, with the help of her mentor, Melissa applied and got accepted into a 4 year college and received a degree in Hospitality/Event Planning. Without her mentor, Melissa is almost certain that none of those things would have happened.

The recruitment fair will focus on organizations that need mentors but also those needing tutors. It will be at the Memorial Baptist Church in Staunton on Thursday, January 12th, 10am-3pm. We invite the community to stop by at any point during those hours and visit with the organizations. We will have refreshments and door prizes and those in attendance will be entered into a drawing for Two Tickets to our 75th Anniversary Gala.

For more information, contact Nadina Pupic, Community Relations Coordinator at nadina.pupic@unitedway.org or visit www.unitedwayga.org/mentor-tutor-recruitment-fair

Chick-FILA in Waynesboro, Greenbrier Technologies & Electric and the United Way of Greater Augusta are sponsors.



If your station or newspaper is looking to **Sponsor** the event by donating items for door prizes, please let us know. We will also consider media coverage of this story as Sponsorship and your logo will be added to the flyer.

About United Way of Greater Augusta

United Way of Greater Augusta is part of a national network of more than 1,300 locally governed organizations that work to create lasting positive changes in communities and people’s lives. Building on more than a century of service as the nation’s preeminent community-based fundraiser, United Way engages the community to identify the underlying causes of the most significant local

issues, develops strategies and pulls together financial and human resources to address them, and measures the results. United Way of Greater Augusta tackle issues based on local needs. Common focus areas include helping children and youth succeed, improving access to health care, promoting self-sufficiency, and strengthening families. For more information about United Way of Greater Augusta, please visit: www.unitedwayga.org