



What is **KIDS HOPE USA**?

KIDS HOPE USA is an award-winning mentoring program that works exclusively through local churches, teaching them to engage their members in one-to-one relationships with at-risk public elementary school children.

KIDS HOPE USA is distinctive, as it...

Engages a church in the community. KIDS HOPE USA builds church-school partnerships that result in life-changing relationships. KIDS HOPE USA training and ongoing support equips a church to provide the most valuable resource all schools need—love for the most vulnerable children.

Focuses on the youngest children. KIDS HOPE USA churches mentor at-risk elementary-age children, because these are the critical formative years when values are formed, self-esteem is developed, and academic skills must be acquired. Children who learn to read by third grade are eight times more likely to stay in school (Journal of Educational Psychology, 1994).

Forms exclusive one-to-one relationships. KIDS HOPE USA mentors use a weekly one hour visit at the school to build a relationship focused on the emotional and social needs that can seriously limit the ability of at-risk children to learn. These relationships are supported by a behind-the-scenes prayer partner.

Respects the church-state separation. Mentors are trained to respect the separation of church and state. Schools trust the integrity of the KIDS HOPE USA program.

KIDS HOPE USA makes a difference

Children improve. According to the Frost Research Center, teachers report that 99.3 percent of the children with KIDS HOPE USA mentors demonstrate academic improvement and the motivation to learn, two key building blocks for future success in school and in life.

Mentors grow. Four out of five mentors report that their faith is strengthened by their relationship with a child.

Relationships last. 80 percent of matches last two years or longer (compared to 5 months for most school-based mentoring organizations).



One child. One hour. One church. One school.

KIDS HOPE USA gives churches all the tools they need to prepare for this ministry:

- Director training to help launch, operate and administer a successful KHUSA program.
- Video and materials to conduct high quality mentor training for church members.
- Ongoing consulting to help with ongoing operation and growth.
- A dedicated website full of useful resources for building and sustaining a program.
- Professional support resources, including child development experts and career educators.
- Continuing education opportunities at the local, regional and national level.
- National promotion and recognition to boost program credibility.
- Publications and communications for equipping, educating, and encouraging volunteers.
- National standards compliance assistance and ongoing program evaluation.
- Director groups to help KHUSA Directors learn from one another.



Do something real.

Next Step - Contact KIDS HOPE USA for materials to present to your church and local elementary school.

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