

Why it works

KidStart believes that supportive relationships with positive role models increase a young person's resilience to risk factors.

Research shows that mentoring contributes to

- Better attendance and attitude toward school
- Decreased chance of drug and alcohol use
- Improved relationships
- Better communication with parents
- Increased chance of going on to higher education



"Life is tough right now. My girls mean everything to me, but I just can't give them everything they need. I can't say how much it means to me that they have their buddies there for them."

Dad of two participants, ages 8 & 10

More time than money?

Consider volunteering as a KidStart Mentor!

We have a long waitlist of incredible children and youth who could really benefit from some fun time with you. Join our group of fantastic mentors and make a difference in our community!



"My mentor's really fun in lots of ways. He takes me out to lots of places. I actually get his jokes! If I could choose my mentor, I would choose him."

10-year-old participant

To sponsor a child or to volunteer, call a KidStart Coordinator today:

Campbell River 250-286-0611

Comox Valley 250-338-7341

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KidStart Champions



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What is KidStart?

KidStart Mentoring Program pairs caring adult volunteers with vulnerable children and youth who could benefit from one-to-one time with a positive role model.

Children and youth who are referred to KidStart may be vulnerable to crime, substance misuse, family crisis, or abuse, and/or be struggling in school.

Mentors and their buddies spend three hours each week together doing activities that offer the opportunity to experience fun, success, and achievement.



What are our outcomes?

- 50 children and youth were matched with mentors who committed to volunteering 7,488 hours to provide positive role modelling in 2010-2011
- 100% of children, youth, and their families indicated that being involved in KidStart made a positive difference in their life
- 100% of mentors completing service stated they were very happy with their KidStart experience

What is a KidStart Champion?

KidStart Champions sponsor local children and youth in The John Howard Society of North Island's KidStart Mentoring Program. Champions can be individuals, businesses, families, or teams and can choose from three levels of sponsorship:



Gold

\$100 per month (covers the entire cost of a KidStart buddy's participation)



Silver

\$50 (covers 50% of the cost)

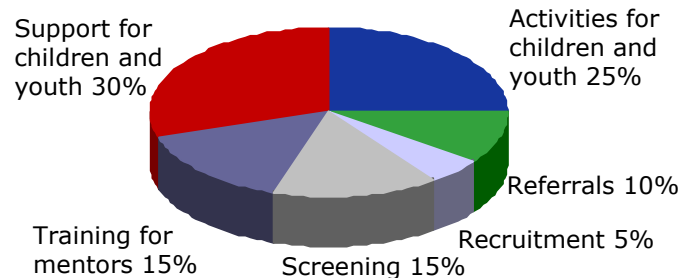


Bronze

\$25 (covers 25% of the cost)

Where does your money go?

The cost of providing and supporting a stable, long-term mentoring relationship for a KidStart child or youth is approximately \$100 per month. This covers:

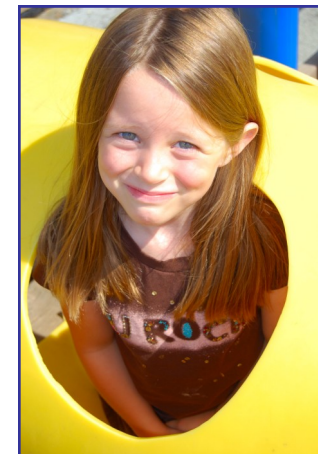


"Sponsoring a KidStart child shows them you believe in their future. Becoming a KidStart Champion means supporting our local children and youth. It's a gift that will help them succeed."

*Wendy Richardson, Executive Director,
The John Howard Society of North Island*

What you receive

- A profile of your KidStart child or youth
- Annual updates
- Champion decal
- Tax receipt
- John Howard Society of North Island membership
- The satisfaction of supporting a local child



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