



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

# Lake County Youth Mentoring Program

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Catholic Charities Lake County Youth Mentoring Program pairs youth ages 9-12 from Waukegan with volunteer mentors, who can serve as positive role models, encourage good decision-making, and be a friend during times of need. Mentors seek out low-cost activities to do with their mentee such as playing basketball, working on school projects together, exploring a new restaurant in the area, grabbing a cup of hot chocolate, or taking advantage of free community activities.

Mentors are assisted by a Catholic Charities Mentor Program coordinator, who is there every step of the way to offer guidance and training, suggest age appropriate activities, and help mentors develop a strong relationship with their mentee. Participants also have the opportunity to attend quarterly special events that bring all mentors and mentees together to engage in fun activities, share ideas, and build supportive relationships.



## Become a Mentor

To become a mentor, the following qualifications must be met:

- At least 21 years old
- Commit to a minimum of a one year relationship, meeting two hours per week
- Complete a volunteer application, orientation process, and mentor trainings
- Own a car and have a valid Illinois driver's license and proof of insurance (no car sharing programs allowed)
- Must have 3 years of experience driving with a valid driver's license
- Willing to drive up to 30 minutes to pick up your mentee and drive mentee to and from all outings
- Allow the agency to conduct a thorough Criminal Background and Driving Motor Vehicle Check
- Be able to participate in regular meetings/phone contacts with Catholic Charities
- Bilingual candidates are strongly encouraged to apply

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