



Asheville-Buncombe Education Coalition

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Two experiences you can't afford to miss.

Become a SUPERHERO



What would it do to your day to have a child look up, see you, and give you a smile like this?

We've heard time and time again from our tutors

and mentors that they are constantly surprised, humbled, challenged, and rewarded by their experiences with the children they work with.

You can have this experience too! We are currently seeking mentors and tutors to work with our kids.

Mentors work with kids one hour a week, tutors 2 times a week for an hour each session. We'll provide training and you'll have support from the staff of the member agency that you are placed with as well as that of the Education Coalition.

Read about mentoring on page 2, and **download an application on our website: www.abeducationcoalition.org** (click on How Can I Help/ Tutors and Mentors)

What an Honor

We are proud to tell you that we are one of nine organizations selected for three **NC Center for Non-Profits Stewardship Awards**. The awards are given to organizations that exemplify the standards of excellence that the Center promotes. We are proud that our collective efforts are being recognized statewide. Recipients will be announced at their October 6th Conference.

Be a Kid, For a Kid.

When was the last time you...

- had to build a paper airplane that could actually fly?
- drove a remote control school bus through a course?
- competed in a relay race...while trying to keep stuff upright on a lunch tray?

Well if your answer is too long (or never) then you MUST come to our first annual Playground Classic on October 20 from 3-6 at Blue Ridge Motion Pictures.

This is an adult-only event designed to raise awareness, friends and funds for the work of the Asheville-Buncombe Education Coalition and our 20 member agencies.

Now, if having fun isn't enough to get your attention we've got some treats for the ADULT in you.

- Celebrity players, including elected and civic leaders, will be available to play with sponsoring businesses.
- Enjoy items from the drink cart and tasty foods.
- Great visibility for your business.
- An opportunity to win some great prizes and go home with a goodie bag.



Interested? Call Donna at 236-5995 for a registration form or go to our website for more information.

Welcome Western Carolina University and AB Technical Community College

At a recent meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously approved full membership for both of these institutions. Both AB Tech and Western were a part of early discussions that formed the Education Coalition and everyone is pleased to see those relationships come full circle. Students and faculty at these schools will learn more about the work of the coalition and have opportunities to join the efforts themselves.

Check out our newly revamped website

www.abeducationcoalition.org

The site really gives the reader a sense of the heart of our work...and it is practical. Potential volunteers can download applications and current ones can get valuable tips to work with their kids. Parents can learn the best contact to call at their school to obtain Education Coalition services. And the schools and our member agencies will be able to download forms they need to keep this effort running smoothly.

Check it out today...and let us know if you've got a good idea for us to consider putting on the site.

The Show is on the Road

There's nothing like seeing the faces of our students, tutors and mentors in action to tell the story of our work. And since we couldn't very well tote them out to every meeting with a civic group or foundation, we decided to do the next best thing - develop a video to take on the road.

If you haven't seen it already we can tell you this - it's informative and funny. You get the sense that this work is serious and important but that we must (and do) have fun while we are doing it.

Invite us to your business, civic group, faith community and we'll tell our story and show it there or check out the Education Channel (16).

Also, we must give a BIG thank you to the people who took time to tell the story of this work on the video. And to **David Bonyun of Broad Reach Video** who filmed and edited the piece until it was just right.

What Does Mentoring Look Like?

"I think I'd like to be a mentor, but I don't know what I'd do with a child for all that time."



A Warren Wilson College student and his "little" through the Big Brother Big Sister program.

How many times have those words come to your mind when you've heard about the need for mentors in our community?

Don't worry, you are not alone. Many people feel this way. There's nothing like the eyes of a child looking straight at you to terrify even the most confident among us.

But we're here to tell you that it's okay to be nervous and still commit to this experience. Here are just some of the things mentors do with their kids in the one hour a week, supervised, sessions through the Education Coalition:

- Tackle homework.
- Play a game—chess, checkers, crossword puzzles, hangman!
- Eat lunch together.
- Teach each other how to play an instrument.
- Learn about budgeting.
- Read/talk about articles in the newspaper /magazines.

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Call 252-5936 to become a Tutor or Mentor Today.



Thank You to Our 2004-2005 Circle of Friends

We couldn't do this work without the financial and in-kind support of these people. If you'd like to see YOUR name on this list, contact Donna Pierce at 236-5995.

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Thank you Kim McGuire!

Everyone in this town, especially in the land of nonprofits, knows Kim McGuire. During her tenure as Program Director of the Community Foundation of WNC, and now as an independent consultant, Kim helped many good organizations to become even better.



Kim McGuire (top right) with some of our other board members

The Education Coalition

has been fortunate to have Kim as a board member, friend and as a mentor to a child since our inception. She was one of the community leaders involved in early discussions. She stuck through the long hard meetings that every organization has during its formation and she's been able to be a part of our growing success.

Kim has decided to take a break from her role on the board but she will continue as a committee member and as a mentor.

So while Kim is not gone from our efforts we did want to acknowledge her fine leadership throughout the years.



Donate Online...visit www.abeducationcoalition.org



It's with the power of your support that we can serve children in our community as well as we do.



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Change a child's life. Become a Mentor. Become a Tutor. Call 252-5936 to get involved.

Our Mission

The Education Coalition is a community-wide collaboration to provide mentoring, tutoring, and support services that will eliminate achievement gaps and help all Asheville City and Buncombe County public school students graduate.

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