Thank you for all you do,

What a year of practicing flexibility, patience, and creativity we have all experienced. Great job Mentors! There have been many challenges as avoiding one another during times of stress and uncertainty goes against so many of our natural inclinations. Over this year we have seen that social distancing doesn't mean losing connection with mentees, people and the world around us; we just have to think a little differently and creatively about how to connect and utilize what resources we have available. We can instead focus on the importance of our work to strive for connectedness and support for our youth and one another to see a positive future.

As the end of the year or match is near begin to reflect on all the amazing changes and growth. Do a fun activity on your second to last meeting and on your last meeting say your goodbyes being very clear on future interactions. If the match will resume in the fall talk about summer plans and what you can both share when you return as this will give your mentee HOPE!

Over the summer embrace reaching out to mentees even if we don't hear from them. Imagine how a child will feel when they see you in person knowing you never stopped caring and thinking of them even when they didn't respond. Always remembering we don't know what our mentees are going through. Continue to be generous in your thoughts and actions. So do your best to stay connected right now -- whether it's by a short video, a short, an email or a letter to our mentee and help them to know someone continues to care and that they matter!

We appreciate each and every one of you being on the YSM team. We look forward to continuing to partner with you however, it may look in the fall to build better futures and strength our valley community. You are truly helping a child feel special, amazing and important!

Thank you for all you do,

Heather and Kathy
We Need More Mentors For 2021-22
You can help

1. Share your experience mentoring with groups you are part of, friends and family. Keep sharing and encouraging them to join.
2. Invite friends or family to mentor coffees or have them contact the YSM staff.
3. Like, share and comment on Facebook or Instagram posts.

Reminder!

School begins August 31 for SVSD and September 1 for RSD. Please join us in continuing to support our Snoqualmie Valley youth by being a mentor & sharing with other potential mentors.

YSM staff and both districts thank you for all that you do! You make a difference!