



United Way
of Palm Beach County

“I knew there was one person I could talk to about my situation...I knew that she would have my back and help me get back on track. My mentor, my guardian angel, showed me tough love but with so much compassion.”

– Trey, mentee with Student ACES

MENTOR MATCHES

GOAL

To connect youth with a positive, caring, nonparental adult.

INVESTMENT

\$1,471,399

in 25 programs

We SEE a Person Changing a Life.

Just one hour of your time per week can help a child become:

- **55% more likely to be enrolled in college.**
- **81% more likely to report participating regularly in sports or extracurricular activities.**
- **78% more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities.**
- **52% less likely to skip a day of school.**



1,790
New
Matches



4,020
Volunteers

United Way's Mentor Center oversees more than 10,000 mentor matches annually and serves as the anchor of the Palm Beach County Mentor Network, a professional affiliation of 50 formal mentor programs working together to elevate mentoring in the community.

A partnership with



KIRAH'S story...



Kirah was 15 when she transitioned out of foster care to living with her grandmother. She was on an unhealthy path and would steal, run away, and skip school. Soon, Project 18 matched her with a mentor, and they had an immediate connection. Kirah described her mentor as an “amazing person who would listen, never judged me, gave me advice, and saw my perspective.” She says that meeting her mentor was the best thing to ever happen to her. With the help of her mentor, Kirah overcame major obstacles in her life and has grown into a strong, independent, confident young woman. Project 18 paired her with not only a life-changing mentor, but also a lifelong friend.

UNITED WAY FUNDED PROGRAM:

Project 18 Mentoring
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