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Mentors in High Demand as the New School Year is Underway

Calgary, AB – As students and educators prepare for the new school year, the Alberta Mentor Foundation for Youth (AMFY) is preparing to fill a great need for in-school mentors for junior and senior high school youth.

“The new school year is an exciting time for Alberta Mentor Foundation for Youth,” says Myra Miller, AMFY Executive Director. “During the last school year, AMFY matched more than 240 students with in-school mentors, but the demand for mentors is rapidly increasing, especially for schools in the northeast and southeast quadrants of Calgary. Mentors are the backbone of our program and without a sufficient number of volunteers many youth in our communities may not reach their full potential. We are seeking caring adults to volunteer as in-school mentors, everyday people with a desire to make a difference in the life of a youth.”

Schools throughout Calgary are requesting more mentors because the program has proven to be a low-cost, high-yield form of early intervention. The program is low-cost because of its reliance on volunteers and community support, and high yield because of the one-on-one interaction and commitment focused on empowering youth. Students involved in a mentoring relationship feel better about themselves, handle problems more effectively and improve in school-related behaviours.

To volunteer as an in-school mentor or for more information, please call 270-3637 or visit online at www.amfy.org.

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