

Grand Area Mentoring

January is National Mentoring Month

by Program Staff

Grand Area Mentoring matches kind adult mentors with promising youth. They meet weekly with the goal of pointing children toward healthy lives. Mentors and mentees play sports, do art together, explore new places, and talk about life. These relationships last for years, and 100% of parents report that their children are happier since being matched with a mentor. Last year a parent wrote, “Thank you for taking the time to help my child on their journey.”

Mentored youth earn higher grades, attend school more often, and get along better with others. Every year the program exceeds objectives established by the U.S. Department of Education. The children themselves say things like: “Mentoring is why I come to school,” and “Mentoring is very kind. You get to do everything together. It makes

me feel cozy, and I try new things,” and “I feel like I’m nicer and more responsible since I got my mentor.”

The program is overseen by Grand County School District and funded by a partnership of kind individuals, generous foundations, and dedicated agencies. Teachers, counselors, and parents recommend youth for participation, but it’s strictly voluntary. Mentors are age 18 through 81. They come to the program from all walks of life with valuable experience to share with their mentees. The program thoroughly screens, trains, and supervises these volunteers. 100% of mentors agree that “Mentoring staff were there for me if I needed help, ideas, or encouragement.” Grand Area Mentoring offers advanced training throughout the year on topics such as facilitating attuned interactions, youth and media, trauma-informed care, and more.

Mentors focus on helping young people grow up well, achieve their potential, and bring their natural gifts to the world and their own future families. Grand Area Mentoring emphasizes the individual because that’s who we are pairing – one mentor with one mentee. But it also recognizes the importance of community, the place where individuals act out their personal stories to affect others.



People grow up well with guidance and love. Grand Area Mentoring is a source of this interpersonal support in a time when civilization in all its complexity too often fails to provide youth with positive role models. Human beings did not evolve in massive, industrial, agricultural silos of specialization. The village has been replaced by the city (and increasingly, the metaverse). Yet the human mind and body still require inputs as our hunter-gatherer forebears did: face-to-face relationships, respectful physical activities, emotional coaching, joint projects, and sharing art & veneration.

Grand Area Mentoring symbolizes a return to the natural roots of being a person – laughing with a child, hearing about their world, providing encouragement, being dazzled by their insights, knowing they are wonderful and complex humans.



Learn more about being a mentor at Grand Area Mentoring’s next New Mentor Orientation: January 28th, 5-7pm. No obligation. Pizza dinner provided. Call, text, or email to register. (435) 260-9646 / grandareamentoring@gmail.com. And be sure to mention you read about it in *Moab Happenings*.



Moab Clubs & Organizations

For a community to prosper and grow, its residents have to be **INVOLVED**. If you would like to participate in any club or organization, **PLEASE CALL THEM**. Many of these groups are always looking for a helping hand or two.

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| Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACA) Triangle House 84 W. 100 S. call or text (435) 220-0646 | Moab City Recreation (Patrick Trim) (435) 259-2255 |
| Alcoholics Anonymous(435)-625-1342 | Moab Community Dance Band (Miriam Graham)(516) 376-8003 |
| For Emergencies (24/7) 888-333-9649 | Moab Community Theater (Kaki Hunter)(435) 259-8378 |
| Alpha Rho Sorority (Bobbie Long)..... (435) 259-6758 | Moab Disk Golf Club(435) 259-2255 |
| American Legion Post (Ronald Irvin) (435) 719-4095 | Moab Family History Center.....(435) 259-5563 |
| Arches Education Center (Trish Hedin).....(435) 260-8764 | Moab Folk Festival & Free Concert Series (Cassie Paup) (435) 260-1756 |
| Arches New Hope Pregnancy Center (Cassie Patterson) (435) 259-LIFE (5433) | Moab Free Health Clinic (Kate Jagle)..... (435) 259-1113 |
| BEACON (Xandra Odland) (435) 719-4801 | Moab Friends For Wheelin' Jeep Club (Melissa Fischer).....(435) 260-7208 |
| Boy Scouts of America (Mingo Gritts).....(435) 260-0871 | Moab Garden Club (Tricia Scott).....(303) 880-9158 |
| Canyonlands Arts Council (435) 259-2742 | Moab Golf Club (Rob Jones)..... (435) 259-6488 |
| Canyonlands Back Country Horsemen (Steve Schultz) (435) 250-0860 | Moab Healthcare Foundation (Kari McKay).....(435) 210-0087 |
| Canyonlands Field Institute (Michele Johnson).....(435) 259-7750 | Moab Masonic Lodge #30 (Gregory Klepzig).....(435) 260-1823 |
| Canyonlands Natural History Association (Sam Wainer).....435-260-6003 | Moab Museum (Forrest Rodgers)www.moabmuseum.org • (435) 259-7985 |
| Canyonlands Rodeo Club (Kirk Pearson + Krista Wilson)..... (435) 260-2222 + (435) 260-7942 | Moab Music Festival(435) 259-7003 |
| Colorado Outward Bound School – Moab Basecamp (Lance Plank)(719) 293-5371 | Moab Rotary Car Show (Dave Bierschied)(435) 260-1968 |
| Community Rebuilds (Rikki Epperson).....(435) 260-0501 | Moab Solutions (Sara Melnicoff)www.moab-solutions.org ... (435) 401-4685 |
| Daughters of Utah Pioneers (Katheryn Jackson)..... (435) 259-5229 | Moab Speaks (Daniel McNeil)..... (435) 260-9646 |
| Delicate Stitchers Quilt Guild (Mary Wakeley)(815) 712-6169 | Moab Sportsmen’s Club (Frank Darcey)(435) 259-2222 |
| Friends of Arches and Canyonlands Parks (Steve Evers)..... (435) 259-0108 | Moab Taiko (Michele Blackburn)(435) 259-0816 |
| Friends of Indian Creek info@friendsofindiancreek.org | Moab To Monument Valley Film Commission (Bega Metzner)(435) 259-4341 |
| Friends of the Grand County Library (Jessie Magleby) (435) 259-1111 | Moab Trails Alliance (Kirstin Peterson)(435) 259-5223 |
| Girl Scouts of The U.S.A. (Melodie McCandless)(435) 259-9797 | Moab Valley Multicultural Center (Rhiana Medina)(435) 259-5444 |
| Grand Area Mentoring (Dan McNeil)(435) 260-9646 | Order of the Eastern Star (Fran Townsend)..... (435) 259-6469 |
| Grand Center (Senior Center) (435) 259-6623 | Plateau Restoration/Conservation Adventures (Tamsin McCormick)(435) 259-7733 |
| Grand County Democratic Party (Bob Greenberg)..... (435) 260-9665 | Red Rock Arts Festival (Moab Arts)(435) 259-6272 |
| Grand County Extension & 4-H(435) 259-7558 | Red Rock 4-Wheelers (Ron Brewer).....(435) 259-7625 |
| Grand County Education Foundation (Melodie McCandless).....(435) 259-9797 | Rotary Club (Dave Bierschied).....(435) 260-1968 |
| Grand County Food Bank (435) 259-6456 | Seekhaven Crisis Center (Abigail Taylor).....(435) 259-2229 |
| Grand County Hospice (Margy Swenson).....(435) 719-3772 | Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance (Neal Clark).....(435) 259-7090 |
| Grand County Library (Jessie Magleby).....(435) 259-1111 | Trail Mix Committee (Colin Topper)..... MoabTrailMix@gmail.com |
| Grand County Republican Party grandcogop@gmail.com | Underdog Animal Rescue & Rehab (Jackie) (435) 260-8033 |
| Humane Society of Moab Valley (435) 259-4862 | Uranium Watch (Sarah Fields) (435) 260-8384 |
| KZMU Community Radio (Jenna Whetzel)(435) 259-8824 | Utah Avalanche Center..... (888) 999-4019 or (435) 259-SNOW |
| Ladies Golf Club (Chris Woodard).....(435) 259-6488 | Utah Conservation Corps (Sean Damitz)..... (435) 797-0964 ext 8 |
| League of Women Voters (Carey Dabney)(801) 938-4038 | Utah Friends of Paleontology – Gastonia Chapter (Lee Shenton) (435) 259-2179 |
| Moab Arts Festival (Theresa King) (435) 259-2742 | Valley Voices (Marian Eason)..... (435) 259-6447 |
| Moab Arts Center (Kelley McInerney).....(435) 259-6272 | Veterans of Foreign Wars (Fred Every)(435) 260-1277 |
| Moab Bird Club (Nick Eason).....(435) 259-6447 | WabiSabi (Leah Bear) (435) 259-3313 |
| Moab Chamber of Commerce(435) 259-7814 | Youth Garden Project (Emily Roberson)259-BEAN (2326) |
| Moab City Animal Control(435) 259-8938 | Utah State University Moab(435) 259-7432 |