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757 Protégé-Suffolk Volunteer Mentoring Program

SUFFOLK, VA (August 13, 2010) It's estimated that over 17.6 million young people could benefit from having a mentor, but only 2.5 million are involved in a one-on-one mentoring relationship. This leaves over 15 million young people waiting to be matched up with a mentor, and creates a huge mentoring gap. In Virginia, more than 360,000 young people could benefit from having a positive role model in their life.

757 Protégé-Suffolk's goal is to narrow the mentoring gap. This volunteer mentoring program, beginning in October 2010, is geared toward serving Suffolk youth, ages 11-14. Protégé 757-Suffolk recruits, screens, and trains adult volunteers who are asked to commit to a one-year one-on-one relationship with a child. By doing so, adult volunteers agree to spend two (2) hours a week or eight (8) hours a month with their match.

Youth **MUST** be referred to this program. Prevention activities will aim to bring about positive opportunities and reduce juvenile delinquency in program participants. This program will equip Suffolk youth with positive adult role models and the tools they need to succeed in life. Help close the mentoring gap. Become a mentor today!

This program is sponsored by the Suffolk Department of Parks and Recreation. For more information on 757 Protégé-Suffolk, how to become a volunteer mentor, or youth participant information, please call 514-7244.

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