



One Child At A Time...

## **Mentor Job Description**

The Walk With Sally mentoring program provides mentors to children of parents (or siblings) with cancer – one child at a time, one heart at a time. This is accomplished by creating and facilitating **“Friendships”** between children of parents with cancer and caring adult volunteers that are able to commit for at least one year. By becoming part of the mentor community of Walk With Sally, you can help children (between the ages of 7-17) combat feelings of aloneness, anxiety, confusion and the sense of hopelessness caused by the experience of coping with the cancer of a parent/sibling. To this end, the mentor’s goal is to help the mentee develop and reach a positive future outlook as well as achieve academic, career, and personal goals.

### **Mentor Role**

- Take the lead in supporting a young person through an ongoing, one-to-one relationship
- Serve as a positive role model and friend
- Build the relationship by planning and participating in activities together
- Strive for mutual respect
- Build self-esteem and motivation

### **Time Commitment**

- A one-year commitment
- Spend a minimum of six-eight hours per month one-to-one with a mentee
- Communicate with the mentee weekly
- Attend an initial training session
- Attend at least 2 Friendship Activities per year
- Attend mentor round table once per year
- Optional – attend program recognition events and/or group events

### **Participation Requirements**

- Experienced at least one of the following:
  - Experienced a loved one with cancer (as an adult or child)
  - Lost a loved one to cancer (as an adult or child)
  - Be a cancer survivor (as an adult or child)
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be interested in working with children or young adults
- Be willing to adhere to all program policies and procedures
- Be willing to complete the application and screening process
- Be dependable and consistent in meeting the time commitments
- Be willing to communicate regularly with program staff, submit activity information, and take constructive feedback regarding mentoring activities
- Complete all necessary surveys and/or requests for information
- Have access to an automobile, auto insurance, and a good driving record
- Have a clean criminal history
- Not use illicit drugs
- Not use alcohol or controlled substances in an inappropriate manner

- Not be currently in treatment for a mental disorder or hospitalized for such in the past three years

#### **Desirable Qualities**

- Willing and active listener
- Encouraging and supportive
- Patient and flexible
- Tolerant and respectful of individual AND cultural differences

#### **Benefits**

- Personal fulfillment through contribution to community and individual
- Satisfaction in helping someone mature, progress, and achieve goals
- Training sessions and group activities
- Participation in a mentor support group
- Mileage and expenses are tax deductible
- Personal ongoing support, supervision to help the match succeed
- Mentee/mentor group activities, complimentary tickets to community events, participant recognition events

#### **Application and Screening Process**

- Driving record check
- Criminal history check (finger printing): state, child abuse and neglect registry, sexual offender registry
- Provide 3 personal non-family references
- Proof of negative TB Test
- Provide proof of auto liability insurance
- Attend an initial mentor training