

June 16, 2008

Dear AMFY Parent/Guardian:

The Alberta Mentor Foundation for Youth (AMFY) has some exciting news!

AMFY has signed an agreement to join our in-school mentoring program with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Calgary and Area (BBBS)! By combining our programs, we will be able to provide many more children and youth with mentors to help them achieve their potential. In addition, we will be able to provide our youth with the opportunity to participate in more fun events and access to more scholarships and bursaries.

As we come together, officially on August 16th, 2008, the AMFY in-school mentoring program will be renamed to "mPower Youth Mentoring" which will be a program operating within the BBBS organization. Calgary-based AMFY staff will be working at the BBBS office located at 5960 Centre Street SE. Airdrie and Cochrane staff will continue to operate within their respective communities. Other than our name and location, there will be little change to our program as our youth know it.

We Need Your Help

As a parent/guardian of a youth in our program, we need your help in transferring your child/teen to our program at BBBS. There are two steps to the process:

NOW:

Please complete the enclosed **Release of Information Form** and return it to AMFY no later than **July 15th, 2008**. This form is very important. It gives AMFY permission to transfer any personal information that we have about your child/teen to mPower Youth Mentoring within BBBS. Please return the form in the self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed.

Later:

In August, we will be sending you another letter. This letter will have BBBS forms that you will need to complete in order for your child/teen to continue to meet with his/her mentor next year. For legal and insurance purposes, original signatures are required on all forms. All AMFY mentors are completing similar transfer paperwork.

Can Off-Campus Visits Continue During the Summer?

If your child/teen participates in off-campus visits, they can continue with your permission as usual for the summer of 2008 until August 15th. After August 15th, all mentor and parent/guardian paperwork must be completed and submitted in order for off-campus visits to continue. Once all of the necessary pieces of information have been completed, you will be notified by a Program Coordinator as to when your child/teen may continue off campus visits.

Thank you for your patience and assistance as we go through this process. Please pass on the enclosed protégé letter to your child/teen. If you have any questions please feel free to phone me at 270-3637. We look forward to continuing to serve your child/teen in the next school year.

Best regards,



Donna Rubenstein
Executive Director
Alberta Mentor Foundation for Youth

PS If you have access to the internet, more information will be available on our websites www.amfy.org or www.bbbscalgary.com as more details are worked out over the next few months