



# Our youth...

- Anxiety or depression are at all-time highs
- Suicide among youth has risen to alarming levels
- 1 in 3 lack a close relationship with a caring adult
- Many struggle to see the value of school or planning for future careers
- Technology has propelled this generation into nervous exhaustion
- Covid 19 and the perceived unraveling of a secure society has added fuel to the fire

**There is HOPE through the POWER of RELATIONSHIPS**

**Mentoring = Modeling**

*“A Caring Adult is one resource every young person needs to survive and thrive  
When young people are connected to caring adults, communities do well”*

*~ The National Mentoring Partnership*

**More is caught than is taught in the journey toward being life ready.**

**It is easy to help. Choose your pathway:**

A graphic consisting of three overlapping circles. The top-left circle is orange and contains the text 'Every 1'. The bottom-left circle is teal and contains the text 'Needs one'. The right circle is a photograph of two young men standing together.The logo for 'Be the HOPE' features the text 'Be the' in black above the word 'HOPE' in large, teal, bold letters. The 'O' in 'HOPE' is replaced by a black circle containing the word 'one' in white.

**Be the HOPE**

**Donate or Mentor Today**  
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**Mail Checks payable to Be the One - 1706 Front St. #452, Lynden, WA 98264**

# Working Together Because We Care

## Partners for Schools- Local Non-profit 501c3 Organization

- Be the One Programs are an outreach under the direction of Partners for Schools
- A Mentor Washington Dedicated Partner



**PARTNERS** *for* **SCHOOLS**

BTO Ferndale

BTO Lynden Public

BTO Lynden Christian

BTO Nooksack Valley

## Local Leadership

- Our Kids Our Schools Our Towns
- BTO programs are initiated and supported by BTO District Community Teams
- Community teams raise funding and recruit mentors in their community

## Local Funding

- Annual program budget per school: \$62,000
- Community funded: We fund school Mentor Coordinator salaries and all program costs
- Sustainable local funding through donations from individuals, businesses & civic groups

## Local Mentors Volunteer

- One Student One Adult One Hour
- Meeting weekly on campus
- Paired with students who have similar personalities and interests

## School Mentor Coordinators

- School district employees.
- Salaries funded through BTO Community Donations
- Screen, equip and train mentors
- Match mentors with interested students
- Facilitate weekly mentoring meetings
- Support mentors and students in developing relationships
- Provide resources and answer questions
- Maintain National Best Practices for Mentoring Programs

## Lives Transformed

*“My mentor has changed my life completely.*

*Before I always felt like I was the one behind, in the back, forgotten, and not important. She has given me more confidence. Now I’m positive, more outgoing, and not afraid to fail. Now I speak up, I’m in the spotlight, I’m involved. She let me know there are people who care and want to help. She was the person for me who changed everything.”*

**OUR FUTURE depends on OUR INVESTMENT in OUR YOUTH TODAY.**

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