



# Girl Talk Conference 2012

BEAUTIFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE: MIND, BODY AND SOUL

## MENTOR APPLICATION

*"A mentor is an adult who, along with parents, provides young people with support, counsel, friendship, reinforcement and constructive examples. Mentors are good listeners, people who care, people who want to help young people bring out strengths that are already there."*  
- Mentoring.org

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security No:\* \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Company/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to become a mentor-for-a-day for the Girl Talk Conference
- I am interested in becoming a permanent mentor for the young person that I am assigned to per the Girl Talk Conference.\*
  - I can attend the conference on 3/24/12
    - All day
    - Half day (AM)
    - Half day (PM)
  - I cannot attend the conference on 3/24/12

**\*Permanent mentors are subject to a background check.**

### Background Information

Religious Affiliation (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

High School (Name and Address): \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

College (Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Year and Major/Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please Read and Sign Below

Mentors will:

- Contact their mentee within two weeks following the conference and visit with the mentee within one month
- Conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner
- Not consume alcohol or illegal drugs before or during work with mentee
- Meet with mentee in a public arena
- Not take their mentee on outings without prior consent from her parental guardian
- Neither accept monetary compensation for services provided nor provide monetary compensation to mentees
- Notify a "girl talk" representative if you can no longer serve as a mentor
- Not be required to further a relationship with the mentee after one meeting (if you are a mentor-for-a-day)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please return by February 22, 2012 to:  
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## QUESTIONS ABOUT MENTORING

### HOW CAN I BECOME A MENTOR?

Enclosed in your sponsorship packet is a sponsorship guidelines sheet. Please complete the personal information portion of the sheet, indicate by marking the appropriate box that you desire to be a mentor. Any additional questions regarding mentoring can be directed to D'Sheka Perkins at 202.373.5767. The mentor form can also be found on our website at [http://www.ercpcp.org/girl\\_talk0.aspx](http://www.ercpcp.org/girl_talk0.aspx).

### IF I ELECT TO BECOME A MENTOR, DO I HAVE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

In previous years, mentors have not been required to attend the conference. However, this year, we have an array of workshops and activities in store for Girl Talk mentors and thus are asking mentors to attend the conference. However, if you are unable to attend and would still like to serve as a mentor-for-a-day, you are still welcomed to sign up. We merely request that you let us know that you will be unavailable to attend the conference activities.

### I AM A MENTOR, CAN I MEET MY MENTEE THE DAY OF THE GIRL TALK CONFERENCE?

Yes. While the day of the conference does not represent the "day" that mentors and mentees are expected to engage in their "mentor-for-a-day" experience, it is our desire to connect mentors and mentees on the day of the conference. In the event that this is not able to occur, based on attendance, we will provide the contact information that we have on file to assist with making the connection.

### DO I NEED A BACKGROUND CHECK TO BE A MENTOR?

The answer can be yes or no based on your selected commitment choice. For those initially opting to become a permanent mentor, the answer is YES. We are required by law to perform a background check on all women that will be matched permanently with young ladies.

For those persons opting to become only mentors-for-a-day, the requests to serve as mentors are for one (1) day within the first thirty days (30) days following the conference. At the mentor informational session, additional information will be provided to those mentors desiring to continue their relationship with their mentee beyond this one day experience. At this time, mentors may be required to undergo a background check. The goal of the mentor matching process is to provide the students with an adult who exemplifies the core elements of the conference.

### CAN I MENTOR A YOUNG LADY IF I AM A MAN?

NO. Our mentor matches are gender specific and must be same sex.

### HOW OFTEN DO I MEET WITH MY MENTEE?

Again this varies. If you are a mentor-for-a-day we are requesting at least one (1) face-to-face encounter with your assigned mentee within thirty (30) days after the conference. If you are a permanent mentor or a mentor-for a day who has decided to continue the relationship and have completed all necessary paperwork, you and your mentee can determine the frequency. We simply ask that you meet at least once a month.