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## **Friends for Youth Marks Its 30th Anniversary**

Redwood City, CA - February 14, 2009 – Friends for Youth marks its 30th Anniversary. During the last three decades Friends for Youth has been committed to improving the lives of at-risk youth in the community. By creating one-to-one mentoring friendships the lives of these young people have dramatically changed for the better.

Through extensive volunteer training and screenings, more than 1,700 one-to-one matches have been made. Friends for Youth has had a 90% average success rate in creating successful long-term friendships, far above the national average. Studies have shown that the youth in this program stay in school, have a better outlook in life, and decrease future involvement with the juvenile justice system.

This year Friends for Youth celebrates the powerful impact that it has had on at-risk youth, and all that this organization has accomplished in the way of mentoring. A small organization that has made a significant mark in the mentoring field.

### About our organization

Friends for Youth has been dedicated to making a difference in the lives of at-risk youth since it began in 1979. By establishing and supporting more than 1,700 one-to-one mentoring relationships to date between youth-in-need and responsible, caring adults, we change lives for the betterment of individuals and the community: [www.friendsforyouth.org](http://www.friendsforyouth.org)

Our Mentoring Institute helps agencies adopt our successful mentoring model so that more youth will benefit from having a consistent, caring, and safe mentoring relationship. We provide trainings, an annual mentoring Conference at Oracle, and educational products. More than one million children and youth have been impacted by these services. For information please visit [www.friendsforyouth.org](http://www.friendsforyouth.org).