



MID-YEAR IMPACT REPORT

2025



IMPACT STORY

Dare to Dream: How One Mentor Helped a Teen Discover His Purpose

The story of "M" is a reminder that one consistent adult can change everything.

When "M" joined Charlotte Angels' Dare to Dream Mentorship Program, he was 18 years old, aging out of the foster care system and unsure of what his future could look like. Like many teens in care, he had faced instability and uncertainty for much of his life, and while he was hardworking and responsible, he lacked consistent support and someone to help him dream bigger.

He waited on our program's waitlist before being matched with a mentor. But once the connection was made, everything changed.

From their very first meeting, "M" and his mentor clicked. The relationship that quickly grew between them is the perfect example of why the Dare to Dream program exists. More than just mentorship, it's about building authentic relationships that help youth set goals, gain life skills, and develop confidence for the future.

At the time of their match, "M" was working in manual labor and feeling unfulfilled. He had always loved to cook but thought of it as nothing more than a hobby, until his mentor helped him realize it could be something more.

Through goal-setting sessions and intentional check-ins, the two began mapping out a vision for "M's" future. His mentor not only encouraged him to pursue his passion but also shared professional contacts in the culinary field and helped him outline tangible next steps.

Today, "M" is thriving. He now works in a fine dining restaurant as a line chef, and he's applied to culinary school to turn his passion into a career. His confidence has grown alongside his skills, and he no longer questions whether he's capable of building a meaningful future.

But the impact doesn't stop there. His mentor has become a steady and trusted adult in his life, and through that relationship, "M" has also gained an extended community. He now attends church with his mentor's family and has joined a young adult group where he's building friendships and deepening his sense of belonging.

At Charlotte Angels, we believe that just one healthy relationship can change the entire trajectory of a child's life. The Dare to Dream Program is designed to walk alongside teens and young adults in foster care as they navigate the path to adulthood, often without traditional family structures. Mentors provide guidance, encouragement, and consistent presence, something every young person deserves.

"M's" story is not just a success story, it's a glimpse into what's possible when we show up and stay. It's why we continue to work to recruit and train dedicated mentors, and why your support matters more than ever.

One mentor. One relationship. A future transformed.

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211

TOTAL PEOPLE IMPACTED BY PROGRAMS

Our programs have positively impacted 211 individuals this year, providing essential support to foster families and children. Through mentoring, community engagement, and educational initiatives, we've created meaningful connections and opportunities for growth.

66

SERVED THROUGH ONE-TIME SERVICES

Our one-time services have benefited 66 individuals this year, providing crucial support when they needed it most. These services have offered immediate relief and assistance, making a significant difference in their lives.

82

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVED

We have served 82 children and youth this year, offering them vital support and resources. Through our programs, these young individuals have received mentorship, consistency, and community engagement, fostering their growth and development.

27

FAMILIES SUPPORTED

We have supported 27 families this year, providing them with essential resources and guidance. Our programs have helped these families build stronger connections and create a more stable environment for their children.



21 MATCHES



3 REUNIFICATIONS



28 PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS



437 VOLUNTEER HOURS

We're building real momentum, **and you can be part of it.** Your support helps us reach more children, youth, and families with intentional relationships and the meaningful support they need to thrive.

Join us in **creating a community that shows up with love, consistency, and the power to transform lives.**



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