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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Gratitude. That is the key word to summarize our year ending June 30, 2026. Gratitude for the hundreds of volunteers who make mentoring magic. Gratitude for the MENTOR RI staff who have taken on additional responsibilities to keep the work going. Gratitude for our community partners, our faith-based partners, our city officials, and our corporate sponsors. This has been a year of unprecedented challenges for the non-profit world, especially in Rhode Island where there are more non-profits per capita than any other state and where the resources to support those organizations are limited. These challenges, however, have opened up opportunities to collaborate more intentionally and that has enabled us to serve even more young people across the state. We have renewed our commitment to serving youth in our core cities of Providence, Newport, Pawtucket, Woonsocket, and Central Falls where the challenges are multiplied due to high poverty rates and limited resources.

In difficult times these partnerships have enabled us to serve more young people this year than last. Our initiative in Providence reached 2,748 youths exceeding our goal of 1,170! We tripled the number of matches in the Woonsocket school based program and had one of our biggest years in Warwick and with our Juvenile Justice Initiative. Not only have the numbers increased but the quality of the programs also improved because of our commitment to elevating youth voice and our dedication to continual improvement. Sincere thanks to everyone who made this year so impactful and made our communities more relationship-centered!



- JEANINE ACHIN
CEO & PRESIDENT

BUILDING RELATIONSHIP CENTERED COMMUNITIES

INCREASING SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT
Building awareness and establishing meaningful partnerships with a diverse array of changemakers to share in the advancement of mentoring and secure the necessary funding for building mentoring capacity to meet community needs.

CENTERING QUALITY
Identifying, promoting, and driving the implementation of evidence-based practices combined with community wisdom to increase the quality of mentoring relationships for Rhode Island's young people.

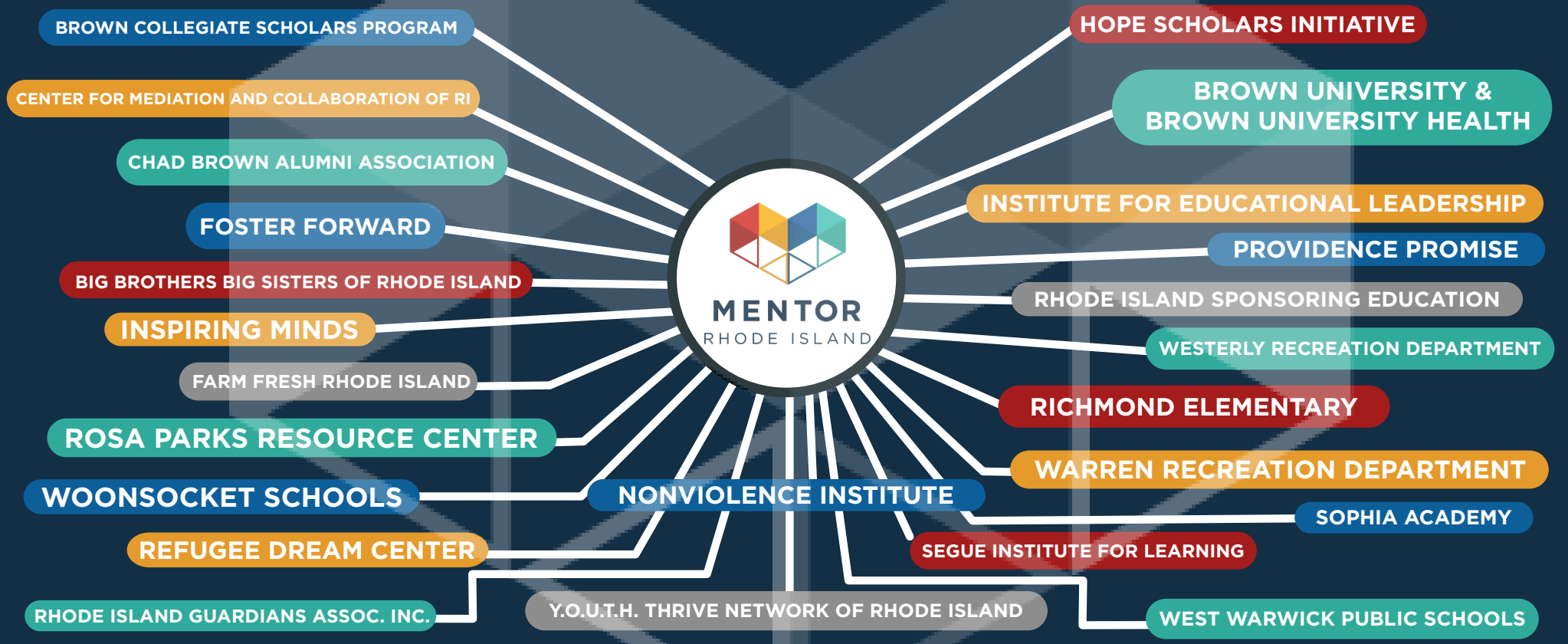


ENHANCING PUBLIC WILL
Motivating civic leaders, employers, and individual stakeholders to prioritize and participate in ensuring all young people have access to supportive mentoring relationships throughout Rhode Island.

ADVANCING THE MENTORING MINDSET
Supporting the effectiveness of new and existing youth mentoring models to broaden the reach and deepen the impact of youth mentoring throughout Rhode Island - ensuring more adults are confident and effective mentors, more youth are engaged in quality relationships, and communities in Rhode Island are committed to youth mentoring.

EQUITY & INCLUSION | **YOUTH VOICE** | **COLLABORATION & ADAPTABILITY**

THE NETWORK OF MENTORING PROGRAMS



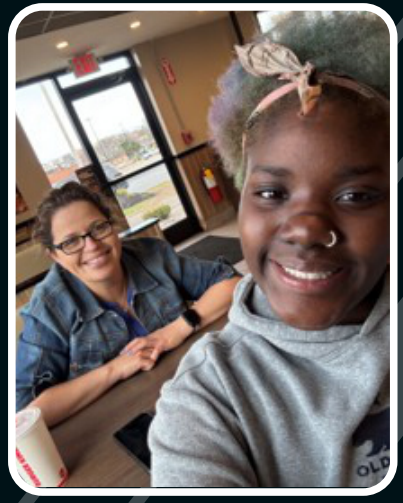
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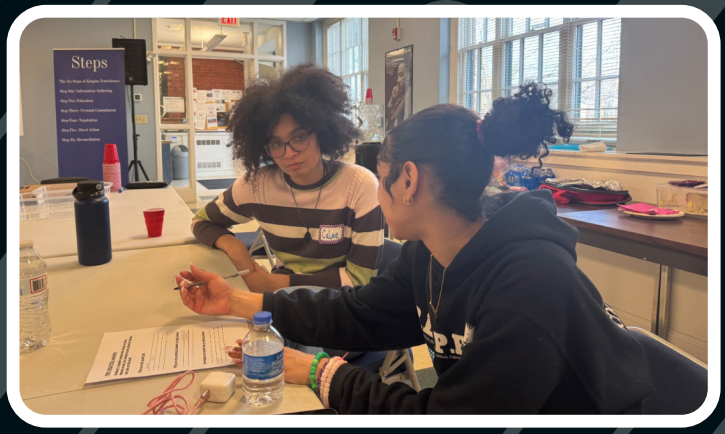
MENTOR Rhode Island's Juvenile Justice Initiative (JJI) is a community-driven program designed to provide meaningful alternatives to the formal justice system for youth ages 12 to 21, with a focus on youth of color.

Through skills-based mentoring, young people are given opportunities to build positive relationships, gain life and job-readiness skills, and stay connected to their communities—instead of facing incarceration.









JUVENILE JUSTICE INITIATIVE DATA

TOTAL YOUTH SERVED

52

COMMUNITY	# OF YOUTH SERVED
Providence	23
Woonsocket	8
Central Falls	4
Johnston	4
Pawtucket	4
North Providence	2
Warwick	2
West Warwick	2
Chepachet	1
Manville	1
North Kingstown	1



JJI STORIES - D'ANDRE'S LETTER EXCERPT

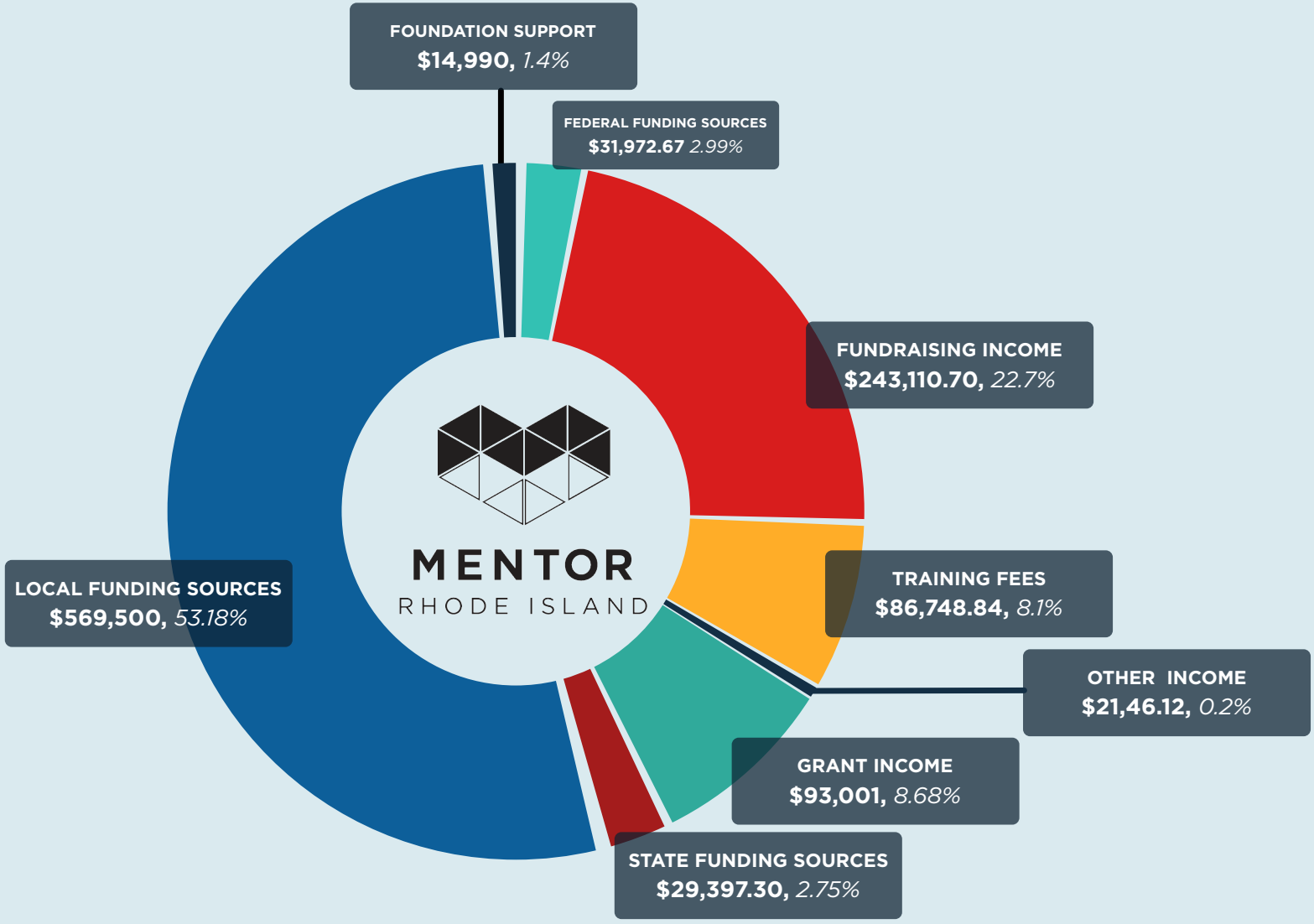
"When I first joined JJI I was about 15 years old, I had just lost my mother to suicide, and I had got into legal trouble with the Juvenile Hearing Board (JHB), that was first of many criminal cases I dealt with.

Because of JJI, I learned lots of skills, I even graduated a year and a half early with a 4.0 GPA. JJI motivated me to get on my schoolwork, though at the time I had just gotten expelled from 2 high schools...

I was moved by this mentoring program... I wanted to change my life...and I'm currently working on getting into a college for psychiatry as I want to become a psychiatrist."



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DIRECT SERVICE WOONSOCKET SCHOOL-BASED MENTORING

- Every child is one caring adult relationship away from being a success. Last year, in Woonsocket we matched 35 youth with caring mentors. This is the highest number served since before the pandemic.

- New Program Director, Sandra Letourneau, reunited 9 previously made mentor/mentee matches across 4 schools: Woonsocket High School, Hamlet and Villa Nova Middle Schools, as well as Leo Savoie Elementary.

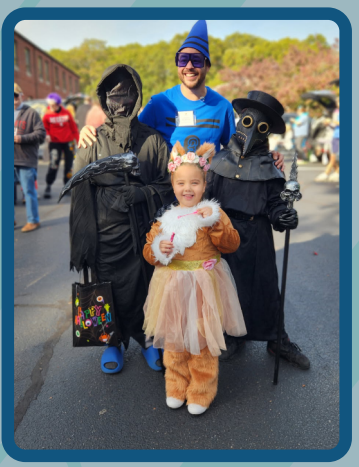
- Throughout the course of the school year, 14 additional new matches were made, engaging 3 additional schools: Bernon Heights Elementary, Globe Park Elementary, and Citizens Elementary.



DIRECT SERVICE WARWICK SCHOOL-BASED MENTORING

- The Warwick Mentor Program celebrated its 36th year of providing and overseeing mentoring relationships in the city's public schools.
- Sandra Letourneau continued as Program Director for the 4th consecutive school year.
- The number of students matched with a mentor at the start of the school year, after attrition, was 110, across 16 schools. The 2026-2027 school year ended with 164 students being matched with mentors, across 16 involved schools.
- MENTOR RI trained 43 new volunteer mentors for the Warwick Mentor Program under the Elements of Effective Practice of Mentoring (EEPM). The year started with 81 mentors being matched with students, and 124 mentors matched at the end of the school year.
- MENTOR RI hosted two family engagement events for families of student mentees including an ice cream social and a trunk or treat. In addition, a community rock garden was created by all students and mentors within the program at the Apponaug Public Library and was dedicated by Warwick Mayor Frank Picozzi in August.









MEET ELAINE AND CHRISTINA

Elaine Belvin became a mentor in 1996 in the Warwick Mentor Program when she met then 1st grader, Christina, at Warwick Neck Elementary. Christina was a very shy little girl who was hesitant to speak to adults and often struggled to look them in the eyes.

Elaine remembers that first year as Christina's mentor and how she watched a shy Christina become more social and confident. Elaine would bring her "bag of tricks" each week and they would spend time talking, making puzzles, playing games, doing crafts, and reading.

Christina had a love of reading, and she loved sharing that with Elaine! The two remained matched straight through Christina's high school graduation under Mentor RI but stayed connected through the college years until today.







Elaine Belvin
Mentor

Christina was like the daughter I never had. It has been a privilege to watch her grow in confidence and independence.

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