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United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley

100 YEARS UNITED. GENERATIONS OF IMPACT

**P**romising Men Mentorship Program is a United Way initiative. The program seeks to partner successful African-American and Hispanic men from the local community to serve as positive role models and mentors for 5th and 8th grade boys.

The program currently takes place at the Youngstown Community School and Taft Elementary.

The mission of the program is to provide support, guidance, and encourage young men to follow a path to become Promising Men.

Promising Men partners with The Kool Boiz Foundation and Boys and Girls Club of Youngstown.

Kool Boiz provides educational, financial and emotional support for boys and young men of color. They advocate for youth, empowerment and change.

**PROGRAM GOALS**

- Building Character
- Developing Pathways to Achievement
- Building a sense of Resiliency
- Being Prepared for 21st Century Careers
- Providing Hope, Encouragement
- Setting Expectations

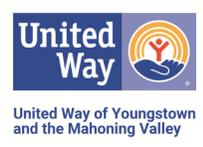
**PROGRAM RESULTS**

- 60% of the students improved either their grades, attendance or both.
- All of the students surveyed after completing the program say they now plan to attend college
- All of the students surveyed say they learned ways to better manage their actions and emotions.
- All of the students surveyed say they now have a trusted adult they can turn to.

**"My favorite part of the program is being around people who've been in our shoes. To get more experience from them and to be better."** - Justin, Youngstown Community School 7th grader

**"Our mentors teach us to always do the right thing all the time and never quit"** - Duan, Youngstown Community School 7th grader

**BECOME A VOLUNTEER**  
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United Way is fighting the fight and scoring big wins. With your help, we can do even more.

So become a Hand-raiser or a game-changer. Because United we fight, United we win. We have one life.

To live better, we must LIVE UNITED.

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