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for kids & families

VIP Mentoring

Lend a Hand to a Worthy Cause

For more than 35 years – long time, huh? – VIP Mentoring (Volunteers in Prevention, Probation & Prisons, Inc.) has been helpful in breaking the cycle of truancy, dependency, abuse and incarceration for at-risk children and adults.

Today, VIP Mentoring continues to be made up of an efficient, results-driven team of professionals dedicated to matching youths – ages 7 to 14 – with responsible, caring adult mentors. ♦ Each child is carefully matched with a mentor for a minimum of one year. ♦ Supervision and support from VIP Mentoring continues to be provided to ensure positive, meaningful,



- lasting relationships for each mentor/mentee pair.
- 2007 was the year for the awesome launch of the **VIP Mentoring School-Based Program** into four Detroit elementary schools: ♦ **Gompers, Fleming, Spain and Maybury.** ♦ This program's primary objective is to work with an initial class of 4th grade students and successfully transition each of these student's educational levels from elementary school to middle school. ♦ The **Mentoring School-Based Program** will utilize strengths of both school-based mentoring and community-based mentoring, combined with family resource support. ♦ Now that's definitely a winning combination! ♦ Let's congratulate these participating schools and encourage more schools to embrace this much-needed initiative.

- round in order to get everyone – youth and adults alike – connected with community-based mentoring. ♦
- If you are interested in learning more about this **VIP Mentoring**, or if you would like to become active as a mentor, there are orientation and training classes held at several locations on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

- Get involved! ♦ Our children need and want you. ♦ Take an interest in being a stable and positive influence in a young person's life.

- Call, e-mail, or use **VIP's** convenient online **Request Info** form for additional information about **VIP Mentoring** and the services they offer:

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• Above center: Mr. Jerry Dash strikes a pose with a group of students from Gompers Elementary celebrating the finale of their VIP Mentoring Summer Enrichment Camp.

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