**2020 Donor Drive**

Cabot Mentoring depends on community donations for more than 50% of our budget. **This year, we have moved our Donor Drive primarily to an online format…**please consider making a tax-deductible donation via our website, [www.cabotmentoring.org](http://www.cabotmentoring.org), where every page has a Paypal “donate now” button. Thank you in advance for your help!

**Return to remote mentoring**

Our mentoring pairs enjoyed outdoor activities together during this long, warm summer: biking, hikes, swimming, campfires, and watching the Cabot/Twinfield soccer team. But with the recent surge in COVID-19, and reinstatement of stricter social distancing, we’re back to remote-only mentoring. Our mentors and mentees are staying connected in a variety of safe ways:

Chris Tormey and Owen talk on the phone, catching up on each other’s latest news.

Susie Socks and Danielle play online Scrabble, expanding their vocabulary (like “qat”, “uod”, “wold”).

Monica Morrissey and Alaina trade journal entries, talking about how their lives have changed during the pandemic, and sharing positive aspects of their experiences in these historic times.

Our other mentoring pairs find other creative ways to have fun, including cooking via video call, and watching streamed concerts and theater shows with a chat window open to talk. And sometimes pairs just exchange a couple texts, to say hi and send a smile. While virtual time isn’t a substitute for the in-person time and activities we could do in 2019, we’re fortunate to have a variety of hi-tech and low-tech options.

We are living through a historically significant time, with a great deal of stress and uncertainty…it’s wonderful to have these inter-generational friendships, where we can support each other, and learn from each other.

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