



## Community Connections Newsletter

### *From the Ground Up*

It has been quite a year of building Bruce Grey Mentorship from the ground up.

With the Launch of our organization in October of 2016, we have steadily been reaching out to the public to seek our mentors, our funding and to spread the word about the work we want to do with children and youth in need in our area.

Since January we have screened and trained 16 volunteers and mentors, and

are continuing to add to our team monthly.

We have been privileged to speak at a number of service clubs, churches and community groups, and have received financial support from various businesses and groups within our service area. We truly appreciate the way our community is coming together to help make this happen.

With a lot of hard work, we planned and held our first major fundraiser called a "Lip Sync Battle". This event happened at the end of May

and featured various teams competing in a pretend singing contest. It was a hilarious night of music and fun. The event raised \$2500 and will definitely be back in 2018. Check out our website for a recap and pictures from the event.

*Pictured below: All contestant teams awaiting the judges decision.*



### *Beginnings*

On Saturday July 22, our Mentors and Mentees met together for the first time for an afternoon of games and activities.

Since launching our program in June, we have officially registered 8 children and youth into our programs.

Although hesitant, it only took a few games and laughs to see everyone interacting and

getting to know each other.

Our event took place at the Sulphur Springs Conservation area and involved a hike to the spring.

It was great to see some mentors making connections with specific kids; the beginnings of individual friendships that can really make a difference

in these kid's lives.

We are very happy with our progress so far and look forward to welcoming new Mentors and mentees into our program over the next few months. Big things are happening and we are very thankful for our supporters for helping us to make that happen.

