

## Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring

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### 4th Annual National Mentoring Month - January 2005

A nationwide drive to recruit volunteer mentors for young people will target America's 77 million baby boomers. The campaign message to boomers: "Share What You Know. Mentor A Child!" As a centerpiece of NMM 2005, **Thank Your Mentor Day™** will be celebrated on Tuesday, January 25. On that day, many Americans will reach out to thank or honor those individuals who encouraged and guided them, and who had a lasting impact on their lives. The theme for Thank Your Mentor Day is "Who mentored you? Thank them...and pass it on!" Thank Your Mentor Day™ is a trademarked initiative of the Harvard School of Public Health. For more information: [www.WhoMentoredYou.org](http://www.WhoMentoredYou.org)

### Annual Prevalence of Mentoring Study

The Governor's Mentoring Initiative is collecting statewide data on mentoring efforts in Florida during the period of July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004. If your agency/organization provided mentoring/tutoring services and has not been contacted, please call (407) 650-9957 or e-mail [FLAmentoring@aol.com](mailto:FLAmentoring@aol.com) for more information.

### Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Grants

The Points of Light Foundation, through the generous support of the Corporation for National and Community Service, is pleased to offer Martin Luther King Jr. Day Service Grants that mobilize more Americans to observe the holiday through service and implement high quality, high visibility service projects that engage volunteers in meaningful activities and strengthen communities on January 17, 2005. Final Deadline: December 20, 2004 The Request For Proposal is available at <http://www.pointsoflight.org>

### Season's Readings!

Governor Jeb Bush has launched the second annual Season's Readings! state agency holiday book drive. The Season's Readings program collects and distributes new and gently used books for children to community programs, schools, family literacy programs and not-for-profit agencies supporting reading activities for children. Florida's state agencies will once again participate in the holiday book drive by hosting drop-off locations in Tallahassee and regional offices throughout the state. The deadline for book donations is January 14, 2005. For more information [www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org](http://www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org). For a list of suggested holiday reading materials, visit [www.justreadfamilies.com](http://www.justreadfamilies.com)

Please forgive any cross-posting and advise us at [FLAmentoring@aol.com](mailto:FLAmentoring@aol.com) if you would like names added or deleted from the Bulletin Update - Florida Mentoring. For prior issues, please visit the Governor's Mentoring Initiative, under Monthly Mentoring Update at: <http://www.volunteerfloridafoundation.org>

### Happy Holidays!

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