



*"And they shall mount up with wings as eagles..."*  
- Isaiah 40:31

*"A Mentor is an adult who, along with parents/caregivers provides a young person with support, counsel, friendship, reinforcement and a positive example."*

*--National Mentoring Partnership*

Cross Bar X is beginning a local youth mentoring program for young people ages 8-18 from the Four Corners region. The Cross Bar X Mentoring Program exists to bring together mentors with local youth, to provide young people with support, counsel, friendship and the hope of Jesus Christ. It is our desire to provide this program as a faith based alternative to traditional mentoring.

It is our desire to extend the ministry of Cross Bar X beyond the summer camp and weekend retreat seasons. We believe that the greatest impact we can make in helping young people through the struggles of growing up is to provide them with a mentor who can walk with them through life.

Research has shown that young people who have an active mentor in their life are:

- 52% less likely to skip school
- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- More likely to get along with their families and peers
- Are 27% less likely to begin drinking alcohol
- Are 33% less likely to hit someone

That is why we are locating, training, and supporting local adults to serve as mentors for young people throughout the Four Corners area. These mentors will commit to 1 hour minimum per week of active mentoring with their young person. This could include a trip to the park, rec center, local burger joint, library, school activity, camp activity, etc...

We are looking for two types of individuals in establishing this program:

- 1) Adults who are committed to serving as mentors. These individuals must have an active and mature relationship with the Lord, be involved in a local body of believers, have the ability to commit to a minimum of 1 hour of mentoring each week for the next 2 years, and be able to attend periodical CBX mentor trainings and events.
- 2) Adults who would serve as liaisons in local churches. These liaisons would act as a representative to the church body in publicizing, recruiting, and advocating mentoring. This may include speaking, announcing, displaying, and marketing the mentor program

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*a Bible centered camp for low-income families*

within their church. They would in essence be a voice within their fellowship to help recruit mentors and mentees. Materials, direction, and oversight would be provided by CBX.

Cross Bar X will serve as the overseer of this program and will provide background checks and thorough screening of all mentors, training and equipping of tools, resources and guidance for those serving as mentors and liaisons, regular meetings with the mentors to provide help and support and programming with events and activities for mentors and mentees at Cross Bar X.

I wholeheartedly believe that mentoring is a substantial key to helping young people navigate through the difficulties of growing up. Please consider joining us as we strive to provide a life-changing hope and relationship to those who are desperate for one!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Miller', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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