



# EMPOWER MENTORING PROGRAM

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Brunch Fundraiser Recap

Primarily, the board of directors and I want to thank each one of you for attending our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Brunch Fundraiser. We had a great turnout, with 38 attendees, making up an assortment of mentors, students, parents, past board members, friends, and families.

Throughout the morning, we enjoyed spending time with old friends, and eating an assortment of brunch appetizers, which hopefully satisfied your hunger. Then, as things started to get comfortable, you heard from our student speaker Rheea. Rheea shared her experiences working with her mentor,



Onaleisha, about how it was a great asset to have someone to talk to, about anything, with no agenda.

As Rheea is an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, soon leaving the program for high school,

Onaleisha shared some words of advice and favorite things about Rheea with the group. She mentioned how strong and confident and independent Rheea was, and how she was so proud of how far she has come, and can't wait to see what she accomplishes in high school.



Katy, one of our mentor speakers shared how she joined the program after just moving here, and was looking for her own sense of community in Seattle.



Beyond the fact that she has a great student for the past two years, that she has supported and seen grow, Katy herself is benefiting from mentoring, as she has set down roots, and has created a community she loves and holds dear.



Rachel, our next mentor speaker shared about how mentoring shows people the other side of the story. Empower Mentoring Program brings together two very different

generations, whom wouldn't normally spend time together, and opens them up to each other, to learn, to grow, and to become friends.

Julia brought all our mentors on stage, and publicly thanked them, with your help, for all the time, effort, and hard work they put in this past year. Together, they volunteered 336 hours! That is no small feat, and we thank our mentors every chance we can.



Together, you raised \$2063! This contribution will go to recruiting, training, and providing 30 mentors to 30 middle school students in the West Seattle neighborhood in the Fall of 2017.

We want to thank all of our business supporters, for donating auction items, gift cards for food purchases, and our DJ; Luke Cruise, Roxybury Safeway, Whole Foods, Bakery Nouveau, Cupcake Royale, Pie A La Mode, Seattle Storm, Tony's Deli, Argosy Cruises, Joey's Restaurants, McMennamins, Pagalacci, Seattle Glass Blowing Studio, Seattle Chocolates, Seattle Art Museum, The Museum of Flight, Wild Waves, Second Ascent, Stevens Pass, Seattle Shakespeare Company, Pacific Science Center, Seattle Sounders, and Vita Intellectus.

And last, but not least, we want to thank YOU one more time. Without your support, none of what we are doing, or the growth we hope to do, would be possible. Thank you for being a loyal supporter of youth, a loyal supporter of middle school, and a loyal supporter of Empower Mentoring Program, and of our work.



Sincerely,

Julia Hodges  
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