

**UNITED WAY OF THE OHIO VALLEY
OWENSBORO-DAVISS COUNTY
PARTNER AGENCY: MENTORKIDS KENTUCKY**

When Denny's mom came to us, he was a 10 ½ year old boy who was struggling in school due to a lack of motivation and the chaos of his home life. Denny is the youngest of four boys. He is small for his age and very quiet. He not only gets picked on and bullied at school; he has to deal with it at home as well. Mom states that Denny's dad lives somewhere in Owensboro, but they were never married so he never attempts to see Denny. He longs for a father in his life. The year before he was matched, Denny asked Santa for a dad. Denny's mom is forced to carry a heavy workload in order to make ends meet leaving Denny at home most of the time with his two older brothers. The oldest brother is currently away at a military school. Both older boys living in the home, struggle with anger issues as well as having the medical diagnosis of ADHD and mood disorder. Mom knew she had to act quickly before Denny started following in his brothers' footsteps, so she called MentorKids KY. We were able to find Denny an excellent mentor! Denny was paired with Randy, a staff member from a local church. Randy first became interested in MentorKids KY due to the involvement of his Bible study leader. According to Randy, "It's more than what I hoped for, it's one of the best things in my life and I highly recommend it to others." Randy, the product of a single parent household, understood the important role he could have in Denny's life. Randy and Denny have been matched for two years now. Their relationship gets stronger and stronger with each passing week. They have a lot in common and can just hang out and talk for hours. Since the match, Denny's school evaluations and grades have greatly improved. Mom says that instead of fighting with his brothers, Denny now consistently tries to be a peace-maker between the boys.

WHAT DIFFERENCE WILL YOUR INVESTMENT MAKE?

With your investment of \$50 **MentorKids Kentucky** can:

- Provide one background check (\$36 per check)
- Provide materials needed to train a mentor (\$14)

