

2008 Outstanding Mentor of the Year Award Nominee

Martha MacAdam

Martha has been a committed mentor in the PFMI program since 2004 and has been matched with 4 mentees. She has also been a “corporate mentor” for the Lancaster Partnership Program for the past 11 years. Two of the four mentee matches proved to be disappointing experiences for Martha, since the students were unresponsive, despite her tenacious efforts to communicate with them and establish a relationship. However, Martha continues to volunteer to mentor other students and does not easily give up. The other two PFMI mentees have been very appreciative of Martha’s sincere interest in their success and her persistent efforts, and these mentoring relationships have been very rewarding for the students and Martha. Martha has often gone out of her way to be involved in the lives of the students. She is extremely reliable and has been an advocate for the MMAP program in a variety of ways. Martha is a lively and regular attendee at many MMAP activities and contributes valuable input to the overall success of the program.

“Martha has helped me tremendously in guiding me throughout this year with problems in school as well as personal issues. She has become a little more than a mentor too, simply because it seems to me as though our mentorship has evolved in to a blossoming friendship. She is a great person, and I don't just mention that because she is nominated with this honor, but just because she truly is. She is a hard worker and will do everything in her ability to get her job done. She is also willing to learn, teach, and grow, even though she is in a position of authority. Even though at times I may not always show it, I respect her with the highest honor.”-Submitted by Kendra Cole-Walker

“How can I start telling you what a great person Martha is? She is awesome as a mentor and as a friend. She is always willing to listen to my problems no matter how long and tiresome they are. She always has an encouraging word and always brings a smile to my face. Even though I have been swamped with work and haven't had time to go see her, I know that whenever I need someone to talk to she is always there. I appreciated her as my mentor, and friend because she is the kind of person who really, truly cares about people's problems. So when you ask me about Martha, all I can say is: she is a very rare gem and the partnership program should feel proud that she has dedicated her time, efforts and kindness to helping mentor students.”-Submitted by Gessy Desir