Middle school is a critical time for youth. They make decisions during these years that have far-reaching consequences. By matching these students with successful mentors, they get a positive role model right when it means the most.

**BE A MIDDLE SCHOOL MENTOR:**

- Is the largest mentoring initiative in our region’s history
- Began in 2009 as Be a 6th Grade Mentor in eight Pittsburgh Public Schools
- Launched the first career-focused mentoring program at Pittsburgh Sci-Tech in 2015-16, with mentors from STEM-related career fields
- Is a one hour per week commitment for volunteers during the academic year
- Results in participating students demonstrating greater interest in school, academic success and eligibility for the Pittsburgh Promise
- Is an initiative of United Way of Southwestern Pennsylvania, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh, Communities In Schools Pittsburgh/Allegheny County, Mt. Ararat Community Activity Center, Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh and the Consortium for Public Education
- Is expanding to four new schools, serving 70 additional kids in the 2017-18 school year.