

Good Guidance. Youth Mentoring.



Amanda has been mentoring with Goodwill since March, 2013 when she was partnered with Shayla.

"Shayla's become this huge part of my life and I think that she's just this amazing person and has such a unique perspective on life," said Amanda. "It's really opened my eyes."

When Shayla and Amanda first met, Shayla was having a hard time.

"She seemed to have a very negative view on life and seemed to think that the world was against her," Amanda said. "She kind of had to push her way through life and she didn't get along with people to get along with people, she got along with people just to survive."

In the months since their first meeting, Amanda has seen huge improvements in Shayla.

"I've seen her become more polite toward strangers she's never met. I've seen her handle difficult situations with her friends in a more adult like manner and definitely a more positive manner that's going to get her more satisfaction out of the ending outcome," she said.

"But most importantly I've seen her become more enthusiastic about her own life and she has this amazing self confidence now where she knows the things that she's really interested in and she knows the things that she's good at and she's more willing to go out on a limb and try things that she's maybe not done before or maybe not succeeded at before."

Overall, says Amanda, Shayla's whole perspective on life has changed. She sees herself in a more positive situation later on in life and with a more successful future.

In FY 2012/2013, Goodwill's Youth Mentoring program made 35 matches like Shayla's and Amanda's, empowering youth to make positive choices through their structured and supportive relationships with mentors.



Shayla and Amanda
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