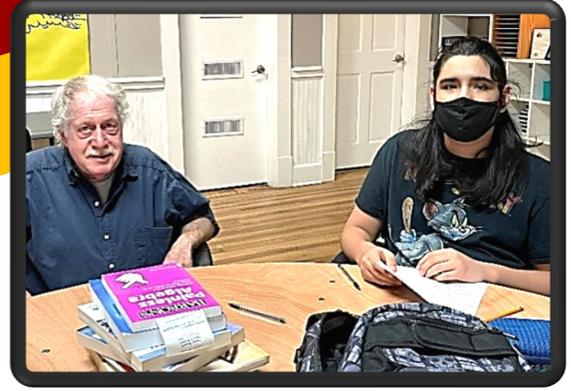


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2022 BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW CAMPAIGN

We are quickly approaching our Building a Better Tomorrow Campaign kickoff. The annual Building a Better Tomorrow Campaign counts on the generosity and support of individuals, businesses, and area churches to fund our programs. During our campaign, we will be sharing stories about how our programs positively impact a child or a family's life. These gifts help fund programs for families in our 7 low-income neighborhoods.

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FINDING A MENTOR: PATH TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Juan Manuel, who now goes by Meni, started his journey with Stafford Junction as a 4-year-old in our Helping Us Grow Strong (HUGS) program. During HUGS he took part in preschool learning at the YMCA, one of our community partners. When he started at Ferry Farm Elementary School, he joined the Brain Builders program. The Brain Builders program provides tutoring, homework help, and a nutritious meal.

Meni still participates in Brain Builders and is now in 9th grade at Stafford High School. He has always been quiet and shy but this year he made a special connection with Mr. Snyder one of our Brain Builder tutors. Mr. Snyder once taught Geometry and it ignited a passion for helping children learn and excel in Math. Now that he is retired, he connected with Stafford Junction's mission and decided to volunteer his time as a tutor in our Brain Builders program.

Meni does very well in his Honors Geometry class, but Mr. Snyder's expertise in mathematics has been pushing him to explore higher-level mathematics. Mr. Snyder introduced him to new and more advanced concepts, and they are both excited about the experience. As part of Brain Builders, Meni has a chance to interact with other students in a smaller environment and is becoming more socially outgoing. We love to see the changes and progress that Meni has made throughout his years at Stafford Junction. We wish him the best as he continues his journey!



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