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## **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mentoring Awareness Day**

**Homestead, PA** – TCV MH/MR, Inc. and the Mentoring Partnership of Southwestern PA are co-sponsoring the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mentoring Awareness Day on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at the Waterfront courtyard area (Near Starbucks) from 1:00 – 4:00 PM.

The free event will be emceed by Anji Corley from the WAMO morning show. Entertainment and interactive programs will be provided by the Ambridge High School Steel Drum Band, Pittsburgh Zoo Mobile, and the Carnegie Museum of Art.

Giveaways and Raffles will be conducted every hour for audience participants. In the event of rain or inclement weather, activities will be transferred inside The Improv Comedy Club and Restaurant. Children will have an opportunity to meet and greet players from the Pittsburgh Passion female football team. The TCV Tobacco Prevention Team, funded by Tobacco Free Allegheny, will have health education games, Smoke Free Family Pledge and cessation opportunities for those who want to break free from habitual smoking.

Over 10 agencies will be on hand to provide information on mentoring programs throughout Allegheny County. There are more than **13,860** youth in active mentoring relationships and almost **2000** children are still on waiting lists for a mentor, in Allegheny County alone. Mentoring is a proven, cost efficient and effective method of helping young people. One study of 900 children found that the presence or absence of adult mentors was the most significant variable of whether children end up on a street corner or in a stable job. Being a positive influence in a child's life makes a difference.

The goal of the event is to make the general public, Waterfront employees and shopping patrons, aware of the various adult volunteer opportunities.