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Dear Friends:

The Board of Directors of Akron Youth Mentorship is writing to announce that Ron Kent is no longer the Executive Director.

We are grateful for Ron's nearly 8 years of service to Akron Youth Mentorship and wish him continued success as he pursues new opportunities to serve youth in our community.

Our mission remains steadfast: to help the youth of Akron make the best decisions every moment of every day. We know the importance of this work; the City of Akron's 2023-2028 Youth Violence Strategic plan prioritizes "mentoring" as a primary strategy because it is considered an evidence-based practice to reduce the risk of youth participating in violent crimes. Our dedicated staff and volunteers continue this important work with the youth we serve as we begin our search for new leadership.

The Board of Directors has established a Transition Committee to focus on supporting the organization as we begin the process of permanently filling the Executive Director position. We deeply value your support of our mission to mentor youth with biblical teaching to make life's eternal, emotional, educational, and occupational decisions.

If you have any questions about this leadership change, please reach out to our Board of Directors Transition Committee Chair, Cristina Torrence, by email at board@saymentor.org.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in applying for the Executive Director position, please see the position description and contact details at our Careers Page [here](#).

Warm regards,

Tom Roberts
President, Board of Directors