

# ANTHONY

## ELEMENTARY ACHIEVER

“My name is Anthony. I am 10 years old. I have been with Friends of the Children since first grade. I love break dancing, playing the guitar and playing with my mentor Kenny.

I really like my mentor Kenny because he is my best friend. He helps me with math and my English. And he plays with me and makes me feel better when I have a bad day. He helps me work on my goals. When I grow up, I want to be a bus driver because a lot of people ride the bus and I want to make sure they can go home to their families.

When I am older, it will be my turn to take care of Kenny. We are going to have tea together. I am excited to go to 4th grade next year. It will be harder but I can do it and Kenny will help me. We need more mentors like Kenny because there are a lot of kids who need people to be kind to them and help them.

I had so much fun playing Twister and Cornhole with the State Street volunteers at the Day of Joy! I also remember one of the volunteers Omaira who helped me when I was having a hard time! Thank you Omaira for being so nice.”

# KENNY

## ANTHONY'S PROFESSIONAL MENTOR

My name is Kenny. I am Anthony's professional mentor, and I have been with Friends of the Children for almost 2 years. As a mentor, I get to provide my Achievers with a supportive friend, role model, and invested partner in support of their goals.

My proudest moment being Anthony's mentor is helping him sit with his feelings and realize that he is still okay even on bad days. Children are often made to feel like their feelings aren't important and I am really proud that all of my Achievers feel comfortable telling me things. I enjoy being Anthony's mentor. He is a natural leader, and he is kind, caring and so funny.

I am excited that Friends of the Children is growing to reach more children and families. We are all one community and benefit from every person with the opportunity to live up to their full potential. We need partners to do this, and tonight's honoree State Street is the perfect example of a partner who steps up to make the world a better place. Not only do they support our vision through their charitable giving, their employees roll up their sleeves as volunteers, board members, and allies regularly. They host a Day of Joy where they spend the day at Friends to bring joy to our Achievers through play. I love seeing the State Street volunteers sit on the floor with our Achievers over a fierce game of UNO and Connect Four! It really speaks to their core values and beliefs.

Anthony and I are proud to be the ones to present this year's Power of One Award to State Street!



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