

Local TeamMates need adult mentors

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Run across state to heighten awareness, recruit mentors, raise funds.

Twelve students in Gothenburg Public School are waiting to be matched with an adult TeamMates mentor.

The TeamMates Mentoring Program, founded by Tom and Nancy Osborne, matches adult mentors with students to positively impact the world by inspiring youth to meet their full potential.

Mentors at Gothenburg High School meet with students during the school year.

Local TeamMate coordinator Amanda Rossell said she's not yet talked to fifth graders.

And, after she does, more students will be waiting for an adult match.

"We always have a demand for mentors, especially male mentors," Rossell said.

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Anyone interested in becoming a mentor can contact Rossell at (308)440-9417 or gothenburg

teammates@gmail.com.

Helping to raise awareness of the need for adult mentors for Nebraska's youth is what a Border to Border Challenge: Running For TeamMates event is all about.

Although the run across the state that begins Thursday at the Wyoming border near Scottsbluff will not pass through Gothenburg, it's intended to raise awareness, recruit more mentors and raise money to benefit the TeamMates program.

Spearheaded by Ameritas, a 22-member team will run approximately 500 miles to Omaha and finish at the Missouri River on Sunday, Sept. 22.



At communities along the way, the relay team will stop to visit with fellow Nebraskans to heighten awareness, thank current TeamMates mentors and encourage individuals to support TeamMates.

The Border to Border Challenge relay team's website is located at <http://www.crowdrise.com/relayraceacrossnebra/fundraiser/B2BNE>.

On the CrowdRise website, find information about the value mentoring brings to young lives, how one can become a TeamMates mentor and make a financial contribution.

For more information about the TeamMates Mentoring Program, visit teammates.org.

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