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**It's Time to Act at Proctors Theater
Play a Starring Role... Become a Mentor**

Schenectady, NY January 6, 2010 – The ninth annual National Mentoring Month began on January 1, 2010 with General Colin L. Powell as its key spokesperson. Lead local partners coast-to-coast have planned events, media campaigns and activities to highlight mentoring and the opportunity for adults to become mentors to the 17 million children who need and want a caring adult in their lives.

Locally, the Capital Region Mentoring Partnership is proud to present *It's Time to Act*, a National Mentoring Month Recruitment Event. **The event will be held on Monday, January 25 from 5-7pm at Robb Alley, Proctors Theater located at 432 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Light snacks will be provided and coffee by Ambition Cafe. The event is free and open to all ages! Attend the event and enter to win a gift certificate to Proctors Theater.**

The following organizations will be participating: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region, Capital Region Sponsor-a-Scholar, Fathers Incorporated, Northeast Parent & Child Society's YouthBuild Schenectady, PROMISES Mentoring Program of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Schenectady with Schenectady City School District, and Saratoga Sponsor-a-Scholar. With so many mentoring opportunities in the Capital Region, there is bound to be one that works for you. There are thousands of young people in the Capital Region who are waiting for a mentor like you. Come and find the perfect mentoring program, it's time to act! Families interested in finding a mentor for their children are also invited. For more information contact Jerrine Wyman at 518-374-4714 or JWBGCS@gmail.com.

Research has shown that programs that rely on volunteer mentors can play a powerful role in reducing drug abuse and youth violence while greatly enhancing a young person's prospects for leading a healthy and productive life.

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