Communities in Schools of Rutherford County

Forest City, NC

This grant supported an expansion of the mentoring program at Communities in Schools (CIS). Mentors with CIS are matched with a child who needs extra encouragement and support. Mentors visit their assigned student at school for one hour each week; they help with schoolwork, read books, or just sit and talk with "their student." A mentor's consistent presence every week helps build a bond with the student and helps the child boost self-confidence, improve schoolwork, and stay out of trouble.