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Tim Hildabrand named October 2011 Mentor of the Month



Calaveras County – October 11, 2011 – Murphys resident Tim Hildabrand has been named October Mentor of the Month by the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program. “Tim has been such an integral part of this program for so long, it’s hard to imagine the mentoring program without him,” said Kathryn Eustis, Director of Youth Development and Prevention Programs. “In addition to all of Tim’s contributions, his entire family – including his wife Star and her folks, Bob and Evelyn – has supported the program since the early days by hosting parties, helping out with field trips and recruiting, and countless other important tasks.”

Hildabrand has been a mentor since the program began in 2003. “I read a newspaper article about it, and called to find out how I could help,” said Hildabrand. “My wife and I didn’t have any children, so it was a natural fit. I was drafted to be on the Advisory Board right away.”

In his eight-year tenure with the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program, Hildabrand has mentored four youth and has been a vital contributor, managing its web site and providing technical assistance for the last seven Calaveras Follies.

“The mentoring program is great,” he exclaimed. “I love watching kids discover new things and seeing the look in their eyes. It lets me be a kid again and it’s a great way to help and contribute to their lives.”

Hildabrand has taken his mentees hiking and exploring on off-road trips in his Hummer. He also enjoys going with his mentees out to different restaurants. “My goal is to eat out at every Calaveras County restaurant,” he smiled.

“It’s amazing what these kids go through,” he added. “A lot of being a mentor is just hanging out. Each of my mentees has become part of my family.”

Greg Yeisley, a three-year mentee of his, is now working for Hildabrand at his home and home-based business, HStar, a full-service computer tech service company. “We do everything possible with computers and technology,” he explained. “It’s great to take mentees a step further and mentor them in business. I hope in the future we’ll be able to offer a youth mentoring entrepreneurial program.”

Born and raised in Maryland, Hildabrand owned a successful business in Silicon Valley before moving to Calaveras County in 2002. “My in-laws had moved here, and we fell in love with the area,” he recalls.

Hildabrand is very active in the community. Besides being involved with the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program (he is now on the organization’s non-profit Foundation Board), he is a board member of the Mother Lode Workforce Investment board, team member and past board officer for the Calaveras County Sheriff’s Search and Rescue, past board member for Calaveras Our Children, Our Community and Murphys Creek Theatre, and is the web host and designer for various non-profit foundations in the county. He is also on the steering committee of the Calaveras 4 Teen Center.

The mentoring program is always seeking volunteers, and particularly needs mentors for boys in Valley Springs, San Andreas, and Mokelumne Hill. “There are a number of ways to support the program,” said Eustis, “such as suggesting a possible mentor, helping with fundraising, and getting the word out to the community.”

For more information about the Calaveras Youth Mentoring Program, call Colleen Dolan, Mentoring Coordinator, at 736-6078 or visit online at calaverasmentoring.org.

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