Think of Collaboration and Capacity building as a journey toward a goal.

We can increase resources for all of us, and lower the costs of getting these resources, if multiple programs build this collaboration strategy into their own actions.
All programs have same needs:

We need these resources every day, in every neighborhood:

* volunteers
* public visibility
* operating dollars
* technology
* training/learning
* leadership

The shaded areas of this map of Chicago are the areas of most concentrated poverty.
Lend A Hand Can Connect Legal Networks to T/M Programs
The goal should be to help a youth go through school and enter a job/career by age 25. It takes a village to make this a reality. Comprehensive Tutor/Mentor Programs are such villages.

To SUCCEED
We must recruit business leaders who will use their resources in **PULLING** Youth to Careers

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**School-Time Programs**

- Pre-K
- K - 5th
- 5th - 6th
- 6th - 8th
- High School
- Career Track

**3-5 PM Non-School Programs**

**After 5 PM and Weekend Programs**

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**T/MC GOAL: SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF TOTAL QUALITY MENTORING PROGRAMS THAT HELP INNER CITY YOUTH REACH CAREERS**

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To SUCCEED
We must help tutor/mentor program leaders, volunteers, schools and parents be more effective in **PUSHING** Youth to Careers

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The World’s Largest Ping Pong ball table.

Every intentional action of a leader (the T/MC or a business, faith leader, or volunteer), causes a chain reaction that moves every other ball. What you say can reach people around the world.
Build an on-going, year-to-year leadership strategy.

Each year the Tutor/Mentor Connection (T/MC) helps programs recruit volunteers in Aug/Sept. and helps programs train those volunteers and convert them into leaders as each program moves through the School year. As each program ends the year it has more people helping it build capacity and quality for the following year.

The T/MC has been working with the Lawyers Lend A Hand Program (LAH) since 1994. T/MC events give visibility to LAH leadership. LAH events recruit volunteers and raise money for Chicago tutor/mentor programs. If organizations plan a 12-month sequence of actions, and overlay them with these T/MC events, we can find times when we work together, and other times when a different event, and leader, takes the lead in creating public awareness.
Imagine your program in this role

Every time a tutor/mentor leader, Lawyer, faith leader and/or volunteer talks about tutoring/mentoring (via news, a blog, a web site, a conference, or social event), he is building visibility for one or more programs that offer tutoring/mentoring.

If leaders also point to the Tutor/Mentor Program Locator at www.tutormentorconnection.org and the also draw attention to all other tutor/mentor programs in the Chicago region.
Can you take this role?

Can you connect your network to programs in other parts of Chicago? Can you help increase resources for all programs in a geographic region, and thus for YOUR program?
While T/MC connects Tutor/Mentor Programs…

Every time one T/M program talks about their own work, they need to end by pointing to the map of Chicago and saying, “look for other programs, too”
LAH connects Lawyers, and the Business Community to T/MC and Tutor/Mentor Programs…

Every time one LAH leader talks about tutoring/mentoring, they need to end by pointing to the map of Chicago and saying, “we need good programs in every poverty area”
This is a role any leader can take.

The best outcome from this type of collaboration will be the duplication of the Lend A Hand Program in faith groups, accounting, and health care, and in multiple industries, alumni, civic and social groups.

Resulting in a more consistent flow of resources to all tutor/mentor programs in Chicago, and in other cities where this strategy is adopted.

Programs that contribute actions to this strategy can document what they do, in the T/MC OHATS section of http://www.tutormentorconnection.org
Example of Collaboration

This cartoon was created by Thierry Koehrlen at http://www.nosvies.com/

It’s intended to be used by tutor/mentor programs who are recruiting volunteers and donors. It illustrates how volunteers can use their talent, and how one program can share ideas and resources with others. If you’d like a copy email tutormentor2@earthlink.net and we’ll send you a jpg.
Learn more, ask questions

If you have ideas to share, these are web sites where you can learn more and get connected:

http://www.tutormentorconnection.org
http://tutormentor.blogspot.com

Email tutormentor2@earthlink.net or call 312-492-9614 to discuss ideas for collaboration and capacity building among programs, or between cities.