



JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
LANSING

JOHN D. CHERRY, JR.  
LT. GOVERNOR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
January 4, 2008

Contact: Liz Boyd  
517-335-6397

**Radio Address: First Gentleman Dan Mulhern  
Emphasized Importance of Mentoring**  
*Mentoring can change the world*

LANSING – To celebrate mentoring month, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm invited First Gentleman Daniel G. Mulhern to use today's weekly radio address to emphasize the importance of mentoring. Governor Granholm has proclaimed January as Michigan Mentoring Month.

In his radio address, Mulhern underlined the benefits of mentoring for both mentors and mentees. He promised that by becoming a mentor, citizens can change not just one life, but their own lives, as well.

"Become a mentor, and you will change the world," Mulhern said. "I'm amazed that the simple commitment of as little as an hour a week in a school mentoring program can change lives. Mentored children are absent less, do better in school, enjoy better friendships, and are less likely at an early age to drink, smoke, or experiment with drugs."

Mulhern said that mentees often lack what most of us take for granted - someone who consistently sees the good in them, helps them to understand their world, and listens. He said children sometimes just need a champion in their corner, a listening ear, an encouraging word, a consistent friend.

The governor, first gentleman and two of their children are mentors. For more information on mentoring, call 2-1-1 or go online to [www.mentormichigan.org](http://www.mentormichigan.org).

The governor's weekly radio address is released each Friday morning and may be heard on broadcast stations across the state. The address is available on the governor's Web site ([www.michigan.gov/gov](http://www.michigan.gov/gov)) for download, together with a clip of the quote above. The radio address is also available as a podcast on the Web site, as well as on iTunes and via RSS feed for general distribution to personal MP3 players and home computers. Links to the audio files and text of today's address follow.

First Gentleman Daniel G. Mulhern  
Radio Address - Celebrate Michigan Mentoring Month  
January 4, 2008

Full: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/gov/Gov126\\_Full\\_220242\\_7.mp3](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/gov/Gov126_Full_220242_7.mp3)  
Edited: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/gov/Gov126\\_Edit\\_220243\\_7.mp3](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/gov/Gov126_Edit_220243_7.mp3)  
Quote: [http://www.michigan.gov/documents/gov/Gov126\\_Quote\\_220244\\_7.mp3](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/gov/Gov126_Quote_220244_7.mp3)

###