



## **MENTORING MOMENT: Sight & Vision**

Helen Keller once said that the only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision. One of the most rewarding aspects of mentoring is helping another person capture a clear, compelling vision of who they are and the future that lies before them.

There are a host of negative voices out there, and our memory tapes have a way of capturing the negative messages we receive in life. As a result, we tend to be painfully aware of our own shortcomings, faults and inadequacies. Whatever vision we might have of ourselves and our future gets clouded by the pain and failures of our past.

Everyone needs someone who believes in them, who cheers them on, who invests in the development of their gifts and potential that lie within. I believe that every person is created in the image of God and therefore possesses a soul of inestimable worth, along with wonderful capacities to dream, achieve, and love. Mentoring is about lifting the veil that often hides that precious soul. Mentoring is about putting someone in touch with the soul's wonderful capacities. At ISF, we love to cast a vision that helps our students see their leadership potential and point them on a path to making a positive difference in the world. It is one of the great joys of mentoring!

Dr. Blair Ritchey is Executive Director of ISF, a non-profit foundation dedicated to providing scholarships, mentoring and leadership development for young people who have aged out of orphan or foster care, as they pursue their dream of a college education and a successful life. Mentoring Moment is a weekly message of encouragement and inspiration to those committed to the mentoring process. If you prefer NOT to receive Mentoring Moment, simply reply to this email.



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