

Our Vision

The Harraseeket (pronounced "hair-a-SEEK-it") Foundation was created to address a problem: Young people lack access to the wisdom and experience of others to help them **imagine their future**. School counselors, teachers, friends, parents, or co-workers can be helpful, but young people struggle to get nonjudgmental counsel from an experienced adult who will simply listen and ask good questions.

The idea? To offer tools and resources to make it easier for communities to change young peoples' lives by offering them access to **communities of mentors**.

[Check Out Our Website](#)

Our Programs

Our "Pathways" programs offer Northern Virginia faith and secular communities the opportunity to serve young people both inside and outside of their community. Options for support include:

- Informal one-on-one and small group **conversations**
- **Group forums**
- Opportunities for **work experiences**, including internships
- Inspirational **reading and video exploration resources** suggested by community members, developed in our Pathways forums, and designed by a leading secondary school teacher who spent 50 years helping students imagine their future.

[Explore Pathways in Action](#)

Our Growth

- 2017-2020: We develop and launch our first "Pathways" mentoring programs at communities in McLean, VA.
- 2020: We partner with *Communities in Schools (CIS)* to support undeserved students in Arlington County by providing stipends for unpaid internships.
- 2022: Pathways community mentors begin to mentor undeserved students in Fairfax County through a collaboration with Undaunted Futures, Inc.
- 2022: Fairfax County Public Schools selects Harraseeket to support students with internships and intern coaching by community mentors.

[Learn About Our Internship Program](#)

Help Us Change Lives

Many people are volunteering to reach young people through Pathways programs, but there is so much more we can do to change lives!

We need:

1. Internship Employers
2. Community Organizers
3. Forum Leaders
4. Pathways Program Designers and Helpers
5. Content Designers and Editors
6. Donors Looking to Make a Difference

Most of all, we need faith and secular communities of mentors willing to help young people imagine their future!

[Get Connected and Volunteer](#)

The Harraseeket Foundation is a Virginia nonstock (non-profit) 501(c)(3) corporation. You can support our mission with a tax-deductible contribution (to the extent provided by law) using this link:

harraseeketfoundation.org/donate-today.

See the enthusiastic feedback of our Pathways interns, testimonials about Harraseeket from community leaders, expert studies on the benefits of internships, and positive comments from community participants in our Pathways programs at [Harraseeket Changing Lives](#).