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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Mentor Corporation (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock (Title of Class of Securities)

_____587188103_____ (CUSIP Number)

Peter D. Goldstein GAMCO Investors, Inc. One Corporate Center Rye, New York 10580-1435 (914) 921-7732

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 17, 2008			
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)			

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of $\S\S 240.13d-1(e)$, 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box .

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CUSIP No. 587188103 Names of reporting persons I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only) Gabelli Funds, LLC I.D. No. 13-4044523 2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)(a) (b) 3 Sec use only 4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) 00-Funds of investment advisory clients 5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e) 6 Citizenship or place of organization New York Number Of : 7 Sole voting power Shares 731,000 (Item 5) Beneficially : 8 Shared voting power Owned None By Each : 9 Sole dispositive power Reporting 731,000 (Item 5) Shared dispositive power Person :10 With None 11 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person 731,000 (Item 5) 12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)

Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13

14

2.16%

IA

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1 Names of reporting persons

I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)

GAMCO Asset Management Inc.

I.D. No. 13-4044521

2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)(a)

(b)

- 3 Sec use only
- 4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) 00-Funds of investment advisory clients
- 5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)
- 6 Citizenship or place of organization

New York

Number Of : 7 Sole voting power

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Shares : 923,500 (Item 5)

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Beneficially : 8 Shared voting power

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Owned: None

By Each : 9 Sole dispositive power

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Reporting : 948,500 (Item 5)

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Person :10 Shared dispositive power

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With : None

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Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

948,500 (Item 5)

- 12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
- Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)

2.81%

Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
IA, CO

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Names of reporting persons 1

I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)

Gabelli Securities, Inc.

I.D. No. 13-3379374

2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)(a)

(b)

- 3 Sec use only
- 4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

00 - Client Funds

- 5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)
- 6 Citizenship or place of organization

Delaware

Owned

Number Of : 7 Sole voting power

Shares 355,000 (Item 5)

Shared voting power

Beneficially : 8

None

By Each

:9

Sole dispositive power

Reporting

355,000 (Item 5)

Person :10

Shared dispositive power

None

11 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

355,000 (Item 5)

With

- 12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
- 13 Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)

1.05%

14 Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) HC, CO, IA

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- 1 Names of reporting persons
 - I.R.S. identification nos. of above persons (entities only)
 - MJG Associates, Inc.

I.D. No. 06-1304269

- 2 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)(a)
 - (b)
- 3 Sec use only
- 4 Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

00-Client Funds

- 5 Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)
- 6 Citizenship or place of organization

Connecticut

Number Of : 7 Sole voting power

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Shares : 30,000 (Item 5)

Beneficially : 8 Shared voting power

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Owned: None

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By Each : 9 Sole dispositive power

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Reporting : 30,000 (Item 5)

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Person :10 Shared dispositive power

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With : None

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Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person

30,000 (Item 5)

- 12 Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
- Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)

0.09%

14 Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

CO

CUSIP	No. 58/188103			
1	Names of reporting I.R.S. identification GGCP,	g persons n nos. of above perso	ons (entities only)	
	Inc.			
2	No. 13-3056041 Check the appropriate box if a member of a group (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)(a)			
	(b)			
3	Sec use only			
4	Source of funds (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) None			
5	Check box if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2 (e)			
6	Citizenship or place New York	e of organization		
	Number Of	: 7	Sole voting power	
	Shares	:	None (Item 5)	
	Beneficially	: 8	Shared voting power	
	Owned	:	None	
	By Each	: 9	Sole dispositive power	
	Reporting	: :	None (Item 5)	
	Person	: :10	Shared dispositive power	
	With	: :	None	
11	: Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person			
	None (Item 5)			
12	Check box if the aggregate amount in row (11) excludes certain shares (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) X			
13	Percent of class represented by amount in row (11)			
	0.00%			

Type of reporting person (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
HC, CO

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