

Kids 'n Kinship



2015

Continuing 40+ years
of Mentoring Youth in
Dakota County

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**Kids 'n Kinship provides friendships to youth ages
5-16 in need of a positive adult role model.**

Our Focus

We match youth in need of support, with screened and trained adult volunteer mentors in the communities of: Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Lakeville and Rosemount. Through their Kids 'n Kinship relationships, youth receive positive attention, experience a variety of activities and develop a sense of self-worth essential to successfully functioning in healthy relationships.

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Read our blog for thoughts on mentoring and
upcoming news:

<http://mentoringinreallife.blogspot.com/>

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Testimonials



From mentee: "I now love trying new things; I love animals more; my mentor helped me look at some things in a different way than I did before."

From parent: "I think it helps for my son to see that steadiness and gentle guidance."

From mentor: "Mentoring is such an awesome thing because it enhances all of our lives in such a positive way. We learn so much from each other and have fun while doing it." Mentor of 4 years

2015 Fund Raising

Volunteer Bike Sale: Mentor Rick Anderson presented Kids 'n Kinship with \$21,665 in proceeds from his sale this year. Rick has used his skill and time to refurbish over 186 bikes. Rick and his volunteers have raised over \$68,000 over the years to ensure that more kids will receive mentors. He was a recipient of the **Heart of Kids 'n Kinship Award** at the annual gala event.



The 10th Annual CEM 900 raised over \$42,000, an amazing new record! Led by John Elder, past mentor, Dennis Hill, board member and Larry Koehler, mentor, the six riders logged 900 miles over three weeks through northern Minnesota. Merchants Bank of Apple Valley was the primary sponsor and hosted our celebration at their bank. The group "Clowns Across the River" provided us with entertainment on the rainy day!



We held our 16th Annual Bowlathon and Volunteer Recognition Event in April. It was a GREAT success because we had a hard-working committee, terrific sponsors and great participants. The day full of fun was held at Cedarvale Lanes in Eagan. Wings Financial volunteers assisted at the event and we had 79 community team members bowling for us!

Annual Gala: Our 4th annual Gala was successful and exceeded our goal of \$30,000. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. This event brought in new company sponsorships and individual donors. Our gala featured a young man, Tim Greife, who was mentored from age 6 until he was 18 when he left for college. He spoke of the importance mentoring had on his formation of values, work ethic, and relationship skills. For this year's awards, we recognized Janet Lekson with the **Friend of the Program Award**, Rick Anderson with the **Heart of Kids 'n Kinship Award**, and 3M with the **Community Partner Award**. Brodini provided us with a magical comedy show. Many community groups and businesses generously supported the gala's silent auction; wine and beer pull, and sponsored tables.

New Staff

We hired our new Kinship Coordinator, Melynda Galioto, who works with children and families in the Burnsville, Farmington and Lakeville area. At the end of the year, we hired, a Project Manager, Carla Kress, whose responsibilities include program projects, administrative functions as well as recruiting mentors and handling our social media. A big welcome to both Melynda and Carla!!

2015 Events

Seasonal activities were held for program participants – bringing fun and games to all! We went to Camp Streefland, Skateville, and the YMCA!



Kids 'n Kinship Ambassadors and their mentees participated in the Mall of America **HandsOn Twin Cities Volunteer Expo** in February. They took shifts during the day, talking about mentoring to passersby and explored the MOA with Nickelodeon Universe passes.

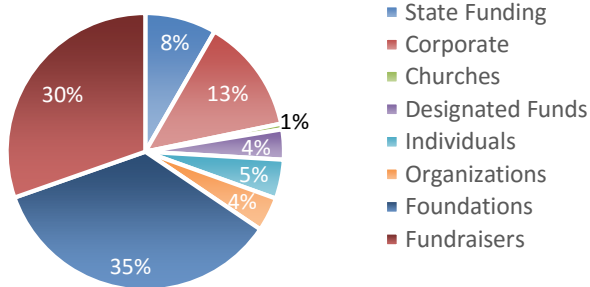
Learning new things: Thanks to Best Buy, teens received instruction on how to use the Raspberry Pi computer and a program called Scratch in this year's Tech Mentor program class! The Raspberry Pi is a tiny and affordable computer that you can use to learn programming through fun, practical projects. In the first class students learned about what the Raspberry Pi can do. And in the second class Best Buy used the time to teach them how to use the Raspberry Pi to create their own game!



Mentor Trainings

We held several Chat Groups for mentors. In 2015, we covered: New Decision Making and Conflict Resolution tips, How to Handle Match Issues (hygiene, lateness, behaviors), Social and Emotional Learning (presented by the U of M), Bridges Out of Poverty (presented by the MOMS program) and Change to Chill by Allina Health.

Funding Sources

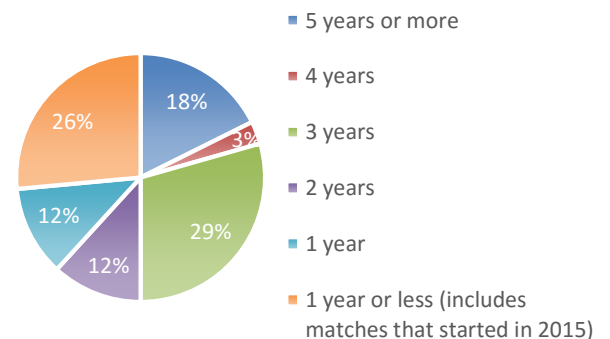


- Kids 'n Kinship benefits from a variety of funding sources to provide financial stability
- Kids 'n Kinship raises 30% of its revenue through fundraisers

2015 Mentor Match Outcomes

- 100% of youth are reducing their experience of isolation by consistent visits with their volunteer; learning new skills, physical activities and hobbies
- 98% of youth have established a positive relationship with their adult mentor
- 94% reported no serious incidences or a reduction of risky behavior during the time they were matched with a mentor

Match Lengths



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