



# Kinship

Kids 'n Kinship

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*Kids 'n Kinship's mission is to provide friendships to children ages 5-16 who are in need of a positive adult role model.*

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## FALL 2011 Newsletter

### 12th Annual Bowlathon!

Sunday, November 6th

At Cedarvale Lanes  
3883 Cedar Grove Parkway Eagan  
(651-452-7520)

11:00 A.M.- Register and Bowl  
12:30 P.M.- Silent Auction and Kids Entertainment  
1:15 P.M.- Auction Check out and Book Giveaway

**Who can attend?** Volunteers/children who are matched and their families, waiting list children and their parent and siblings who live in the household.

We'll have shoes, balls, bumper lanes if you desire, all you can drink pop, all you can eat chips. Register online by October 31<sup>st</sup> at [www.kinshipbowlathon.eventbrite.com](http://www.kinshipbowlathon.eventbrite.com)

**Parents please note** – at our outings, we take photos for use in our newsletter, website and possibly other venues. Please inform us if you do not want your child's photo used.

The Bowlathon is Kids 'n Kinship's annual opportunity to raise funds to support the mission of the program. Kids 'n Kinship members are asked and strongly encouraged to collect donations. There will be prizes for highest pledges raised and high bowl score. Children will receive a prize for bringing any donation. Children who raise \$10 or more will receive a gift item. Adults who raise \$25 or more will receive a Kids 'n Kinship gift item.

Send this link to your friends and families and they can donate directly online. Tell them to designate the donation to you / your team name.

[www.givemn.razoo.com/story/Kidsnkinshipbowlathon](http://www.givemn.razoo.com/story/Kidsnkinshipbowlathon)

Directions: Take Hwy 13 North from Cedar Ave. Take a right at Silverbell Road. Go to stoplight; stay straight on Cedar Grove Parkway. Cedarvale Lanes is one block ahead on the right side.

Sponsored by Cedarvale Lanes, Northern Dakota County Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, and AAA.

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## **Mentor Matches!**

Please join us for  
“Birthday Bag Blitz”  
Kids Helping Kids on  
“Make A Difference  
Day” on Saturday  
October 22nd, 1:00-2:00  
pm at Thomson  
Reuters Building, 610  
Opperman Drive in  
Eagan. We'll fill 2000 **Cheerful Givers**

birthday bags for children in need. This is a great ‘hands on’ opportunity to model volunteering to the child you mentor. Space is limited; you must pre-register by October 7<sup>th</sup> at [www.birthdaybagblitz.eventbrite.com](http://www.birthdaybagblitz.eventbrite.com). This collaborative project with Cheerful Givers, is sponsored by both the Northern and Southern Thrivent Financial for Lutherans branches, Thomson Reuters and AAA Minnesota/Iowa.

## **A Request from mentor Rick Anderson**

Fall is often the time people clean out garages or backyard sheds. Do you have a child's or adult's bike you no longer use? If you would like to donate it, please call Rick at 952-322-4729. “I collect and get donated bicycles that I fix and clean-up and refurbish and polish,” Anderson said. “I get a kick of fixing up something that is old, been hanging in someone's garage and bringing it back to life.” Rick holds an annual spring bike sale in his garage. He donates the proceeds to Kids' n Kinship to match more kids with mentors!

## **Plan ahead for Holiday Needs**

Families in need of assistance with holiday gifts for their children can call *Armful of Love* to make appointments. Please call 952-985-5300 to make an appointment (before November if possible).

## **Coats for Kids**

Children in need of coats can go with their parent/guardian to the Salvation Army Coats for Kids distribution -this year the event is one day only - Thursday October 27 - while supplies last. Distribution is at Easter Lutheran church, corner of Pilot Knob and Cliff Road in Eagan from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Bring a picture ID, a bill from your current address, and ID's for each child needing a coat.



MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE DAY  
NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD



## **Chat Groups**

Join us for our last Chat Group of 2011: Supporting your Mentee's School Progress by Meg Bell, School Social Worker - also mentor sharing and discussion. Wescott library in Eagan. Wednesday, October 26, 5:30 to 7:00 pm. The programs' expectation is attendance at two chats per year. RSVP to Rita, [rykinship@aol.com](mailto:rykinship@aol.com)

## **Welcome New Match**

Lafferty Family and Isaac

## **Thank You Individual Donors**

Rick Anderson  
Dale Schenian  
Designated donations % Kirsten Storlie and Sarah Gerber,  
Food Perspective donors  
Network for Good CEM donors  
Community Shares donors; Scott Berres, Wendy Haroldson and Tim Masso  
Lanny Stapp  
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Community Health Charities % Janet Lekson

## **Thank You In-Kind Donors**

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Scott Berres  
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## **Thank You Donors**

3M Corporation  
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## **United Way Donor Choice**

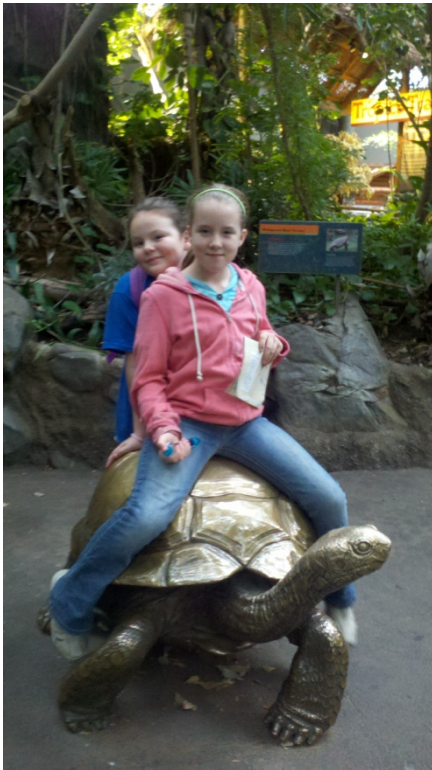
Watch your employee news for upcoming United Way Pledge drives this fall. Kids 'n Kinship does not receive United Way grants, but is eligible to be written in by the section that says “Designate a gift to a specific 501C3”. Online pledge forms should have this form also. Please be sure to write “Kids 'n Kinship”, not just Kinship, on your donation card or online contribution form. Thank you!

## **Match Highlight** Twice the fun!

Lucy is matched with twins Emily and Elizabeth. Theirs is a school based match which means they get together weekly at school; then during vacations and summers they do things out in the community. At school they work on a variety of things like worksheets from the teachers, reading and games. Out of school they enjoy going to Lucy's house for Phase 10 card games. Lucy says she is especially glad the girls like going places with her –the girls say their favorite places are Minnehaha falls and the zoos and

Lucy says they like museums as she does. Emily describes Lucy as “so nice to us, we love being with her and she wants anyone thinking of mentoring to know that it is FUN! Elizabeth says “Lucy is so nice and

mentoring is really fun and playing games is the BEST!”



With school based mentoring, mentors encourage academics. They model the importance of doing well in school, share skills and demonstrate responsibility. The student feels more connected and successful at school. Student see their classmates who have mentors and see the enjoyment and learning encouragement they receive through school based mentoring. Volunteers choose the time they mentor, and receive support from the teacher, school social worker and Kids ‘n Kinship staff.

Mom, Mary, says the girls get so much out of mentoring and they are always happy when they come home from being with Lucy. The match is looking forward to next summer and are continuing their meetings at school.

“When they are having a good time, I have a good time” says Lucy. “I enjoy sharing their enthusiasm and getting to know them – I like when they are excited about things we do – had an especially great time this summer canoeing.”

## **School Based Mentoring**

Kids ‘n Kinship operates a school based mentoring program in two Eagan schools. The goals of Kids ‘n Kinship’s School Based Mentoring program are: academic progress, reduce the number of absences, reduce the number of serious juvenile behaviors related to anger and aggression, provide a positive connection to the school and community and to provide a worthwhile and rewarding mentoring experience for the child and the mentor. If you are ready to have fun getting to know a child and helping them be successful at school – or would like more information, contact Rita at 651-686-0990 or: [www.kidsnkinship.org](http://www.kidsnkinship.org), click on mentor, then school based mentoring.

## **Make money, give money**

Sign up for Food Perspectives food tasting and you receive \$\$ and Kids ‘n Kinship receives \$\$.

## **Join us for Scrapbooking!**

Matches interested in scrapbooking or arts and crafts are invited to our next Scrapbooking session Saturday Oct. 15, 10:30 am to 12 noon at the Heritage Library in Lakeville. Please let us know if you plan to come (RSVP to Ingrid Henry, [ihkinship@aol.com](mailto:ihkinship@aol.com), or 952-891-3885) but for this event it’s ok to just show up too!

## **Welcome New Ambassadors!**

Brian O’Rourke, Gail Weinholzer, Jennifer Gansler, Leanna Hall, Beth Wiese, Deborah Kieschnick & Pennie Bucilla have joined our ambassador program to help us bring in more mentors! If you’re interested in joining us, contact Ingrid Henry ([ihkinship@aol.com](mailto:ihkinship@aol.com) or 952-891-3885).

\*\*We’re being green and frugal. Our newsletter is being abbreviated – See our online Fall newsletter for more information and the Bulletin Board listing of upcoming events. Keep checking our website, [www.kidsnkinship.org](http://www.kidsnkinship.org), facebook and your emails for additional information.

# KIDS 'N KINSHIP'S 12<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BOWLATHON

Sunday November 6th, 11:00 A.M. – 1:15 P.M.

At Cedarvale Lanes, 3883 Cedar Grove Parkway in Eagan

## For mentors, children and families

Kids 'n Kinship is in need of funding and we ask and strongly encourage you to help by raising donations. Children are not permitted to go door to door to collect donations unless accompanied by an adult/guardian. Children who raise at least one donation will receive a prize and children who raise at least \$10 will receive a gift. Adults who raise at least \$25 will receive a Kids 'n Kinship gift item. Bring your donations to the Bowlathon on November 6th.

If a parent or mentor is part of a group or business interested in supporting our event, please share the following information with them.

## For community or business sponsors

You are invited to sponsor us in the following ways:

- \*support the bowlathon with a donation
- \*have your company name on a lane for \$200.00.
- \*support a Kinship family's bowling at \$100
- \*support prizes at \$50.00
- \*bring four or five bowlers at \$25 each
- \*donate gift certificates or merchandise valued at \$25 & up



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## Pledge Form

Donations are tax deductible and go directly to Kids 'n Kinship to match volunteer mentors with children in need of support.

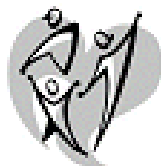
The Bowlathon is sponsored by Northern Dakota County Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, AAA and Cedarvale Lanes.

Donations are to be collected in advance. Checks can be made payable to Kids 'n Kinship.

To Register go to  
[www.kinshipbowlathon.eventbrite.com](http://www.kinshipbowlathon.eventbrite.com)  
OR mail this registration form to:

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