

# 2024 Annual Report



## Mentoring Youth in Dakota County for 50+ years



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

### 2024 Highlights

- We made **14** new matches, and **17** pen pal matches for a total of **31** matches served!
- Our mentors and volunteers donated **3,986** hours for a combined value of **\$133,506.21!**
- The second **Mark Carter Scholarship** was awarded to mentee, Adler Tyburski.
- Kinship was chosen for the Target Circle program, a special charitable giving campaign.
- The annual Camp Streefland outing had more than 130 people enjoying a grilled meal, rock climbing, archery, canoeing and free books.

### Match Story

Noah and Mark have been matched for two years. From both being shy at first to now hanging out, sharing and having fun, their relationship has grown and they hope it never ends and gets even stronger. Noah is thoughtful and has a generous and loving spirit, as shown by how he helps prepare meals and how he talks about his family and the world around him.

Mark says that being chosen by Noah to be his mentor was one of the best things that has happened to him.

### 2024 Fundraising

#### Sunday Fun Day at Grand Slam - April

77 Kids 'n Kinship mentors, mentees and family played free of charge at Grand Slam supported by Wings Financial Credit Union, sponsors and the online silent auction.

#### Rick Anderson's Bike Sale - May

The community came out in full force to support Rick Anderson's 16th annual bike sale at Dick's Valley Service on Saturday, May 11. More than 470 bikes were sold, generating \$65,479 for the Kids 'n Kinship and DARTS nonprofit organizations. Thank you to the bike mechanics who donated so much time to get the bikes ready!

#### Christian Elder Memorial Ride - June

Seven riders and two support drivers finished another amazing bike ride in the 19th annual Merchants Bank CEM 900. Participants rode along the Root River Trail and Harmony Preston Valley State Trail in SE Minnesota. We celebrated on Thursday, June 13 at Merchants Bank. Thanks to Merchants, Elder-Jones, Single-Ply Systems and everyone who donated to this successful fundraiser that raised \$37,000.

#### Funfest - October

We had 89 attendees at our Funfest event at Antlers Park Pavilion in Lakeville on Sunday, October 13. The afternoon was filled with games and activities like a hula hoop contest, spaghetti & marshmallow building, balloon animals, a putting green and outdoor games.

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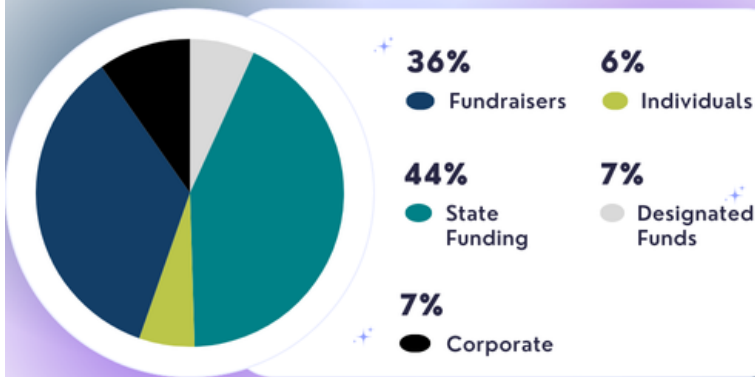
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