

2025 Annual Report



Mentoring Youth in Dakota County for 54 years



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

2025 Highlights

- We made **16** new matches and **9** pen pal matches for a total of **25 new** matches served!
- Our mentors and volunteers donated over **4,425** hours for a combined value of **\$153,945.75**.
- The **Mark Carter Scholarship** was awarded to mentees Kierra Hawes, Giovanni Owen and Ashyla Young.
- The annual Camp Streefland outing had 100+ people who enjoyed a grilled meal prepared by the Elks, rock climbing, archery, canoeing and free books from the Free Book Buggie.

Match Story

The Kubisiak family was matched with their mentee Navellah for more than four years. Traci Kubisiak explained how Kids 'n Kinship is living out their vision of building a stronger community through youth mentorships. *"It was an incredible blessing to share our life with Navellah. We felt like one family with her family. Mentorship is a gift to both mentors and mentees and we are incredibly grateful for all this has taught us, all we have experienced through it and the incredibly special memories we will forever treasure!"*

2025 Fundraising

Sunday Fun Day at Grand Slam - April

More than **100** Kids 'n Kinship mentors, mentees and family played at Grand Slam for our Spring Fundraiser supported by Wings Financial Credit Union, sponsors and the online silent auction.

Rick Anderson's Bike Sale - May

Rick Anderson's 17th annual bike sale was held at Dick's Valley Service on Saturday, May 10. More than 470 bikes were sold, generating more than **\$60,000** for the Kids 'n Kinship and DARTS nonprofit organizations. Thank you to Rick, Randy and the dozens of bike mechanics who donated so much time to get the bikes ready for this successful sale!

Christian Elder Memorial Ride - June

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the CEM 900 Fundraiser! Title sponsor Merchants Bank celebrated its 150th year anniversary and has been a loyal supporter of the CEM 900 ride for all 20 years. We celebrated at a Welcome Home event on Thursday, June 12. Each rider was given a trophy, a collage, and a KnK t-shirt to mark our gratitude for another successful fundraising event with all **\$34,000** raised all benefiting Kids 'n Kinship.

Super Bingo - October

On Sunday, October 12, we held our first ever Super Bingo fundraiser at Bogart's Entertainment Center in Apple Valley. Grant Jones emceed the event where we celebrated our award winners, heard from mentee Ali, and raised a grand total of **\$22,405** for youth mentoring.

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Christian Elder Memorial Ride
Rick's Bike Sale

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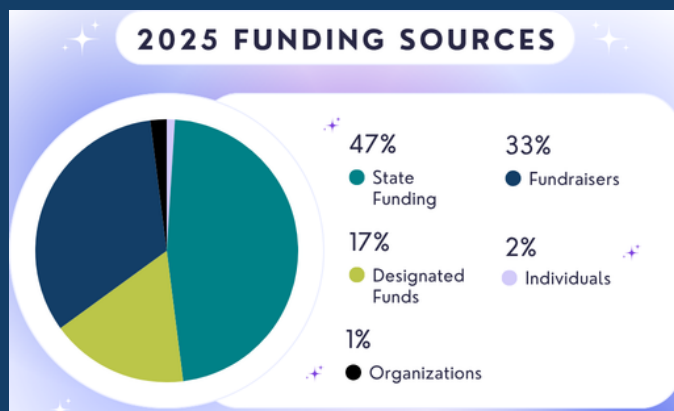
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