



Continuing 48 years of
Mentoring Youth in
Dakota County

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.

2020 Highlights - With the restrictions of COVID protocols, there were many challenges.

Seasonal activities for in-person events all had to be cancelled and reimaged.

Even during the 2020 pandemic, Kids 'n Kinship was able to form 25 new matches and support a total of 98 matches. Mentors and mentees had to adapt to connecting virtually and came up with many creative ideas. The program supported "Drive-Through" events to share resources

and activities. Four new board members were added.

Match Story: Mentors Holly and Mark were excited to celebrate their 8-year anniversary in mentoring with Kia! "Recently when we hung out together, we started sharing all the memories we could remember and we realized how much of life we have shared! We have seen her develop over the years and become a very respectful, responsible and confident

young woman. She balances school and work excelling at both. Even with the Covid situation and being unable to do some of the things we have enjoyed over the years like Twins games, State Fair, volunteer activities, and going out to eat, we have discovered lots to do. We especially have enjoyed learning new games together at our house and cooking new recipes while chatting about life."

2020 Fund Raising

Christian Elder Memorial Ride

For the 15th year, John Elder and his team of cyclists improvised their rides this year by working independently. Despite riding alone, the riders were able to raise over \$39,000 for the program! We thank the Christian Elder Memorial donors, riders, drivers, Merchants Bank of Apple Valley and Media Relations for their contributions!

Rick's Bike Sale

Due to Covid, the in-person sale could not happen. Appointments had to be made to come and try out the bikes at the Goodyear Superior Service Center in Apple Valley. The sale generated

\$33,154 in total for DARTS and Kinship of which Kinship received over \$16,577. The re-furbished bikes ranged in price from \$30 to \$500.

Annual Gala

The 9th Kids 'n Kinship Fundraiser was held in September in the Crystal Lake Golf Club parking lot to celebrate 48 years of serving youth. We asked our donors to "Stick with Mentoring" with an outdoor "State Fair" type event featuring live music, speakers, a traveling drink cart and box lunches delivered to each parking spot. People really enjoyed seeing friends in a safe way. Our event raised over \$45,000 enabling Kinship to continue

providing mentors. Awards were given to the following: **Lauren Lupkowski** for the **Heart of Kinship**, **Dan Sjolseth** for the **Friend of Kinship** and **Boeckermann, Grafston, Mayer CPA's** for our **Community Partner**.

21st Bowlathon

This annual fun event was held on-line as a virtual bowling tournament with participants devising their own home bowling challenge using items in their homes. We were able to raise \$6,315 through generous sponsorships, pledges, in-kind donations and a silent auction.

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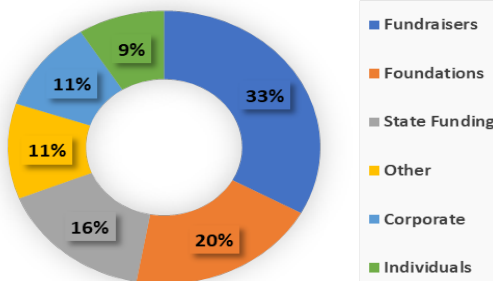
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Kids 'n Kinship received over 33% of its revenue through fundraisers this year.

Foundation support totals 20%.

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