

2022 Annual Report



Celebrating 50 Years of Mentoring Youth



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.

2022 Highlights

- 18 new matches and 154 matches were served!
- Our mentors and general volunteers donated 4,814 hours for a combined value of \$144,180!
- The program offered Ice Fishing, Bowling, Camp Streefland and Apple Orchard activities. The Orchard had 144 attendees.

Match Story – A Parent’s Story

My daughter met her future mentor when assigned to her as a para at school. When she moved into the next grade, we enrolled her in Kids 'n Kinship so the special relationship could continue. Due to my unexpected divorce, she felt a sense of confusion, loss, loneliness and exhibited distressful behaviors and self-harm. That has changed with consistent time with her mentor. Her

mentor brings her peace and is a great communicator, responsive and helpful. They have enjoyed zoo visits, Sea Life, shopping trips for self-care, walking the dog, picnics, and lots of play dates. Before the match, she had lots of physical and emotional behaviors at school - all completely gone away. At conferences she is described as “Mature, a model student, hardworking, caring, and empathetic”. Emotions are much more regulated, and expressed in acceptable ways. My daughter has excelled in school. She’s no longer in special education but mainstreamed with an extra small group on the side. If I could refer anyone to a program it would be Kids 'n Kinship. Thank you for helping my daughter discover and transform into the beautiful, empathetic, caring, funny and energetic girl that she is today.

2022 Fund Raising

22nd Bowlathon - May

We had 17 teams, with 10 of them community teams, bowling at Bogart’s in Apple Valley. We raised more than **\$10,600** through generous sponsorships, pledges, in-kind donations and a silent auction.

Christian Elder Memorial Ride - June

It was the 17th year for John Elder and his cyclist team to ride and raise funds for Kinship. They weathered the elements, bugs, and aspen cotton to bring in over **\$42,490!** We thank the donors, riders, drivers, Merchants

Bank of Apple Valley and Media Relations for their contributions!

Rick Anderson’s Bike Sale - July

Families with kids came to try out and buy bikes at Superior Service in Apple Valley. The sale benefited both DARTS and Kinship. Re-furbished bikes ranged in price from \$30 to \$500. Kinship received over **\$30,000**.

50th Anniversary - September

The 11th Fall Fundraiser Gala themed “Building a Masterpiece”, was held at Brackett’s Crossing Country Club. We celebrated 50 years of mentoring. Our

founders, Carol and Dick Frick’s son, Jeff Frick, shared his memories of his parent’s work and mentoring. A heart-warming video of interviews with matches and staff members was shown. WCCO TV’s Reg Chapman enjoyed emceeding our evening. Awards were given to: **Karla Kosel** for the **Heart of Kinship**, **Chris Headrick** for the **Friend of Kinship**, **The Elks** for our **Community Partner**, and the traveling **Janet Lekson Award** was presented to **Beth Wiese**. The Gala raised over **\$61,000**.

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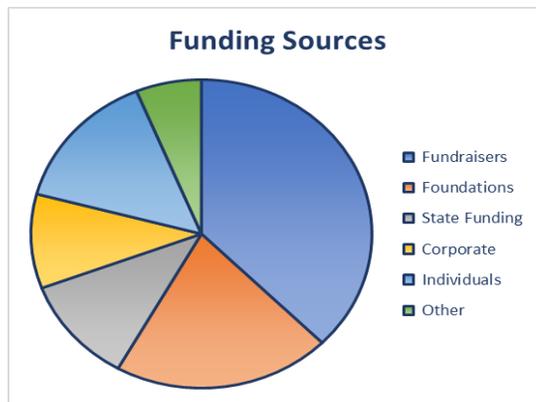
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- 11% State Funding
- 10% Corporations
- 10% Individuals



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