



Summer 2018 Newsletter



Summer Outing at Camp Streefland!

This year we will have an
ICE CREAM TRUCK
courtesy of our sponsor the
Dakota Elks Lodge #2832!

You do not want to miss this fun!!

Join us for hiking, canoeing, swimming, archery, wall climbing and supper together! Youth will also have the opportunity to say goodbye to Rita Younger.

Monday, July 30th from 5:30 - 8:30 pm
YMCA Camp Streefland
11490 Klamath Trail, Lakeville
952-435-2859

In order to be admitted, you MUST pre-register by Wednesday, July 25th:

[Camp Streefland Registration Link](#)

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

Bring: Swimsuits, Towels, Lifejackets, etc. (no cutoffs or floatation devices allowed in the pool, life jackets are okay). Wear tennis shoes or sturdy sandals, no flip flops. Children must be with an adult.

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 and first name used. We will also be filming for our Gala Video.

Once again we will have our free store as well.

This is a fabulous resource for youth!! Please be sure check it out.

Save the Date!!
Kids 'n Kinship Gala
Sunday, September 30, 2018
4:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.



Mapping the Future through Youth Mentoring!

You are invited to the Kids 'n Kinship Gala Fundraiser to support youth mentoring! Come out to Brackett's Crossing Country Club in Lakeville for an evening of dinner prepared by an award winning chef, our very popular silent auction, wine pull, craft beer pull, and NEW raffle! You won't want to miss the mentee testimonial and entertainment. All proceeds from the event, organized by the volunteer Gala Committee, go to matching youth with mentors.

You can be a 2018 Gala Kids 'n Kinship sponsor! Help us celebrate 46 years of serving youth.

Typically over 250 guests attend the gala. Connect with a diverse, community-oriented audience and support local mentoring. For sponsor opportunities, or to donate to the auction, please contact Jan at: jbkinship@aol.com.

Special thanks to our early sponsors: [Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota](#), [Boeckermann Grafstrom Mayer CPAs](#), [Burnsville Rotary](#), [Home Federal](#), [Think Mutual Bank](#), and [Media Relations Agency!](#)

Mentoring Match Highlight



“Our family mentoring journey began last year with Gabriel. He’s a bit younger than our daughters and in a lot of ways is the little brother they never had. It’s been wonderful to see how all the kids (and adults) have bonded. Sometimes we have game nights at our house, other times we are out and about.” This adventurous match family has done so many fun things including bringing him to their daughter’s plays at school, going snow tubing, exploring the Science Museum, attending an art show, countless dinners, bowling and they regularly attend his baseball games! Mom said he is having so much fun with the family and she couldn’t be happier! “They are so good about seeing him every week and he loves their girls. We have a lot going on in other areas so it has been wonderful for him to have a supportive place to go. He needed to see a loving father and male role model so this has been great for him.” His mentor family finished with, “We love him and his family too. Our family is looking forward to many more adventures with Gabriel!”

Rita's Retirement Party

Adults only

Youth have the opportunity to say goodbye at Camp Streefland



After 19 years of wonderful service and dedication, Kids 'n Kinship announces the retirement of Rita Younger. You're invited to a retirement party honoring her on June 28th from 4:30 - 6:30 pm at the Green Mill in Eagan - 1949 Rahncliff Ct.

Please RSVP to jbkinship@aol.com by June 21st.

In lieu of gifts Rita suggests donations be made to Kids 'n Kinship.

Rick's Bike Sale - Thank You!

Rick Anderson's 10th annual bike sale on May 12 was a huge success, with 466 bikes sold generating a record \$46,953 for the Kids 'n Kinship and DARTS nonprofit organizations. Kids 'n Kinship thanks Rick Anderson and Randy Bailey for all of their work for the sale and all the many volunteers who assisted. A special thanks to Dan Sjolseth of Superior Service Center-Goodyear in Apple Valley for the use of their space for the sale.



Welcome New Matches!

Zoe and mentor Laura

Noelia and mentors Debbie, Kirk & Leah

Rashon and mentor Sean

CEM a Whopping Success! 13th Annual Christian Elder Memorial!



John Elder and his team of cyclists and support staff had a fantastic ride on 3 different trails in Minnesota. Together they raised \$40,000 for Kids 'n Kinship! Many thanks to the riders, drivers and all the Christian Elder Memorial donors! Special thanks to Merchants Bank of Apple Valley, the primary title sponsor, who hosted the welcome home party, and to Media Relations for media coverage. Kids 'n Kinship is very grateful to be the recipient of the hard work and dedication of the Christian Elder Memorial team!

19th Annual Bowlathon Fun!

Kids 'n Kinship hosted our annual bowlathon at Cedarvale Lanes on Sunday April 22. We had 144 people come to bowl; 57 were from the community and 87 were from our own mentors, mentees, waitlist kids and families!

Volunteers from Wings Financial Apple Valley, Gander Outdoors and Rosemount and Eagan High schools helped make it a fun and successful event. Kids 'n Kinship is SO thankful for all of our sponsors and in-kind donors! Through sponsorships, pledges, & the silent auction we raised \$9,040.71 at the Bowlathon Fundraiser!!



Thank You to our Donors!

Thank you to all of our fabulous donors!
You can [click here](#) to see a listing.

3 Ways You Can Support Kids 'n Kinship:



Greater Twin Cities
United Way

1. United Way Choice

Watch your employee news for the United Way Pledge Drive. Kids 'n Kinship is eligible to be written in as a "Donor or Designated Choice." Please be sure to write "Kids 'n Kinship", not just Kinship, on your donation card. Thanks!!



2. Thrivent Choice Dollars and Action Teams

Are you a Thrivent member? Do you know you're eligible to apply for \$250 Action Team seed money to support Kids 'n Kinship? Consider using one of your Action Teams to support one of our fundraisers, or other needs we have. For details on Action Teams, visit: www.thrivent.com/actionteam.



3. Farmington Family Fresh Receipts Fundraiser

One of our amazing Kids 'n Kinship mentor-mentee matches is continuing to collect receipts to help fund recruiting more mentors. Deena Mahowald and Talia's goal is to collect another \$150,000 in Family Fresh - Spartan Nash receipts and Spartan Nash will donate \$1,000 to Kids 'n Kinship. Please mail your receipts to:

Kids 'n Kinship
14870 Granada Ave., Suite 127
Apple Valley, MN 55124

The mentor & mentee are grateful for anyone who can help them out!

Mentors are Needed!

We have over 25 children and teens waiting for a mentor - youth like GT who is 8 years old. He is interested in swimming, sledding in winter, video games and baseball. GT is eager and outgoing. His older brother has a mentor and he knows it is fun. His single parent mom would like a positive role model male, couple or a family to provide academic encouragement and active interests for her son. GT would like to learn to be even better at video games and he really likes legos!

School-based mentors are also needed to work with one student for 30 minutes each week to help them with reading, writing, or math at a school in Apple Valley, Eagan, or Rosemount. Have fun and help a student!

Find out more at an upcoming Information Session. Contact Melynda at: mgkinship@aol.com or 651-333-9468.

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- John F. Kennedy*