

# Kinship of the Park Rapids Area

## Volunteer Mentor Position Description

**Position:** Kinship Mentor/Volunteer

Mission of Kinship: to provide a preventive program for children by matching them with Kinship volunteers who provide adult friendship and a positive role model.

**Duties:**

- To initiate weekly contacts with child
- To be consistent in meeting with and contacting the child with changes in planned meetings
- To maintain ongoing periodic contact/consultation with the Kinship staff; sharing concerns, highlights and ideas.

**Qualities and Skills Required:**

- Care for the safety of children
- Love for children
- Time to spend with a child
- Dependability and enthusiasm
- Wide variety of interests
- Nonjudgmental attitude
- Transportation

**Time Required:**

One to five hours per week. Time will vary according to the contact/activity

**Time When Mentoring Is Done:**

After school hours or on weekends; negotiable with the child and his/her parent(s)/guardians

**Length of Commitment:** One Year minimum

**Training Provided:**

Initial orientation, periodic training sessions, ongoing support and consultation with staff

**Supervisor:**

Directly responsible to the Kinship Director

**Benefits:**

- Experience the fulfillment of watching a child grow and mature and seeing a child develop assets and self-confidence
- Be a friend and have a friend; by giving of yourself you receive
- Experience the satisfaction of offering a child new opportunities
- Become part of an ongoing experience by reaching out and personally shaping another life