



Kinship of the Park Rapids Area 2008 Annual Report

Twenty-three to twenty-nine children were matched with a Kinship mentor at any one time during 2008.

Thirty Children in the Nevis-Park Rapids area enjoy friendship with their own Kinship Mentor for all or part of 2008. Having a reliable friend with whom they can talk and have fun while enjoying new opportunities enriches their lives.



Kinship of the Park Rapids Area celebrates its 15th Anniversary

Forty-four volunteer adults served for all or part of 2008 as a Kinship mentor, some mentoring as couples, many mentoring a child on their own. Most mentors spend an hour or more each week with their Kinship child, doing an activity they both enjoy.

Carolyn Spangler, long time director, retires in April.

Kinship Board and Staff organized 10 different group activities offering fun social and recreational opportunities for Kinship Kids and their mentors to enjoy together. These included swim parties, cross country skiing, pumpkin carving and fall bonfire, packaging food for Kids Against Hunger, helping at the Kinship Fish Fry and Spaghetti Dinner, and a Christmas party with the Sons of Norway.



Jennifer Therkilsen was hired as new Executive Director in May

Allowing for snowbirds, there were up to 37 different adults involved as active Reading Buddies in a school year. They served 25 first graders at Century School. Adult volunteers join their buddy for lunch, then read books together for 20 minutes every other week from October through April.



Kinship Connects Adults With Kids and Puts Hope in Their Hearts

2008 Volunteers

We gratefully acknowledge these volunteers for sharing their time and talents with Kinship Kids

2008 Volunteer Mentors

Dave & Amy Anderson	Marilyn & Hank Kaping
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Century first grader, Hector Perez, finds funny books to read with his Reading Buddy, Brian Behrens.

2008 Reading Buddies

Bill Bair	Tom Miller
Margo Bartness	Carol Nelson
Brian Behrens	Betty Norlin
Jan Belshan	Sheryl Olsonawski
Pat Cadreau	Trudy Overmyer
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Board member Terry Morris showed Kinship kids how to roast their pie-pan pizzas over the campfire and how to bake a cake in a box..



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Mentors Deane and Jill Johnson help Shania assemble her pie-pan pizza at a Sunday afternoon Kinship activity held at Spruce Hill Campground.

