

Connecting



With Kinship

Making Lemonade

Recovering an important fundraiser after tornado damage



The cedar clubhouse Northwoods Bank built and donated to Kinship on May 20 was demolished in the Memorial Day tornado. The only thing salvageable was the banner declaring, "Win this Clubhouse". The replacement clubhouse is pictured on the right.

*Kinship Connects
Adults With Kids
And
Puts Hope In
Their Hearts*

By Jennifer Therkilsen, Executive Director

Everything was looking great this year for our major fundraiser, the Kinship Clubhouse Giveaway. Northwoods Bank donated another great clubhouse, and more area businesses than ever agreed to host and sell raffle tickets. It was parked on a trailer in front of Park Rapids Building Supply when the Memorial Day storm flipped the trailer and crushed the structure.

Realizing the raffle generates about 10% of Kinship's annual operating funds, the finance committee went to work trying hard to find a quick yet suitable replacement. We checked out a number of local possibilities, considered building one from scratch, even looked on Craig's list. Then mentor Rich Frahm helped us find this

Amish built playhouse at Plants & Things USA in Anoka. They gave us a nice discount and Northwoods Bank helped again, making up the difference between the purchase price and our insurance settlement. Rich and Mary Frahm transported the house to Park Rapids..

The new 6'x8' clubhouse has three operating screened windows and is vented. Both the child-sized and full-size doors allow for easy access and have a keyed lock.

This easily doubles as a playhouse, a potting shed, bicycle house, or an attractive storage shed. Very versatile – fun for kids, serviceable for adults, and cute in almost any backyard. *See page 5 for where to buy your \$5 raffle tickets.*

Welcome New Mentor Matches!

Carol Schellack and Sky

Al & Kathy Belt and Lucas

Boo Groth & Vanessa

Doug Cheney and Takoda

Fred & Karen Lundstrom and Cameron

Carol Schellack is mentoring siblings. She has been Zoey's mentor since July of 2007. After Sky's mentor match closed in 2009, it was hard for Carol to pick up Zoey and leave her sister Sky behind. The new match became official late last year. The girls think it's great!

Four girls and eight boys are eagerly waiting for someone like you to step up to become their mentor. Want to learn more?

Check out the web-site at www.kinshipparkrapids.org and apply online or call 732-0058! We screen, prepare, match and support our mentors!

Board Leadership Transitions



Renee Brauer, Kinship's new Board President has been Mikaela's mentor since December of 2004, and served on the Board of directors since 2007, the last several years as secretary.

During the last year, the board bid farewell to Carter Hedeem, Gregg Bervig and Del Holz. Under Carter's leadership they were instrumental

in establishing the Kinship Endowment Fund. Gregg proved to be especially resourceful in securing funding for Kinship and Del led the board through significant change and program growth.

New board members include Joel Maxwell, mentor and owner of Max Bailey Photography, Dave Keller of Brookside Resort, Jason McCollum, Vice President at Citizens National Bank, Dan Zimmerman, mentor and Store Manager at J&B Foods, and Judith Miller, Communications/Development Manager at St Joseph's Hospital.

Others continuing to serve on the board include Bill Simpson, Terry Morris, Erika Randall, Brittany Boe, Kathy Peterson and Barb Thomason.

They meet monthly and in committees to insure resources, oversee program, approve mentors, plan group activities and much more.

President's Corner

Del Holz



I am retiring from the Kinship Board, effective this June after 10 years of service (the last 5 as President), as I have met / exceeded my "term limits." Some reflections as I leave the board include:

- *When I began, we met in the back room of Iris & Ken Shepard's Cattail Creek and Carolyn was working out of her home. Today Jennifer shares an office with Living at Home in the Frank White Building.*
- *In 2000 we averaged 25 matches with 7-9 waiting and had Reading Buddies at Park Rapids. Today we average 45 matches with 12-15 waiting, have Reading Buddies at Nevis and Park Rapids, collaborate with District 309 in Student Success Project (mentoring to increase the graduation rate), and collaborate with St Joseph's Hospital in a Violence Prevention Program aimed at young males.*
- *Ten years ago our budget was under \$24,000. Today it is \$54,700.*
- *In 2000 we operated primarily from a Youth Intervention Grant. Today we receive most of our funding from local supporters and the business community, several small grants, and a recently renewed contract with Hubbard Co. Social Services.*
- *Ten years ago Kinship Kids had better school attendance and performance, were more likely to graduate, and were more likely to go on to post-high-school education. Today this is still true!*
- *Ten years ago Kinship Kids were less likely to have brushes with the law or require intervention from social services, were less likely to use street drugs or alcohol, and were less likely to become pregnant. Today this is still true!*

Ten years ago Kinship Kids were matched with committed mentors and we had a dedicated, working board and executive director. Today this is still true!

As I leave the Kinship Board, I want to thank those who have "carried the water": Our Founders, Mentors, Reading Buddies, Board Members, Executive Directors, Contributors, Supportive Businesses, Friends, and a community that cares. Thanks so much for helping Kinship put hope in kids hearts and change the world, one child at a time.

Donors January through June 2011

We gratefully acknowledge those who made financial gifts to support the mission of Kinship of Park Rapids Area from January 1 through June 30, 2011. Donors are recognized for accumulative gifts made throughout each calendar year. Your generosity helps Kinship put hope in kids' hearts! *Gifts given to Endowment Fund

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Million Dollar Round Table Foundation -
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St. Joseph's Community Health -
Violence Prevention Mission & Ministry Program

Mentor (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

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2011 Tributes & Memorials

Many thanks to those who chose to honor a loved one or their memory with a gift that is helping Kinship connect adults with kids and put hope in their hearts. We are pleased to honor these special individuals and to recognize the donors. *Gifts given to Endowment Fund

In honor of:

Del Holz for his service to Kinship:

Joan Aeling
Avery & Marilyn Billings
Clarence & Bonnie Byersdorfer
Bonnie Carpenter
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In memory of:

Dawn Anderson
from Barb & Mark Thomason
Greg Anderson
from Barb & Mark Thomason
Phyllis Bolton
from Brittany Boe
Martin Carter
from Steve & Deb Maanum
Karl Dyre
from Duane Gebhard, Jennifer Therkilsen
Patricea Ekmark,
from Brittany Boe
Chuck Hawkins
from Gail Hawkins
June Johnson*
from Barb & Mark Thomason
Greg Meyer
from Barb & Mark Thomason
Maurice Spangler's mother
from Kevin & Renee Brauer
Kyle Vredeberg
from Brittany Boe
Jane Wellner
from Jennifer Therkilsen
Steve Wilkie*
from Kevin & Renee Brauer
from Del & Alice Holz
from Royce & Kathy Peterson
from Jennifer Therkilsen

Donors of Gifts In Kind

From a bowling party and silent auction items to movie discounts and publicity, gifts of items and service go a long ways in helping Kinship meet its mission. Special thanks to the following donors of gifts inkind!

Advanced Automotive Service
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Wild Loon Outfitters
Kevin & Renee Brauer
Gordy & Vicki Bruen
Kathy Peterson
Rick & Sheila Ronnebaum
Bob & Linda Schissel

New Board Members

Lezli Zimmerman chair of the 2011 Fish Fry, thawing fish with husband. Dan Zimmerman who joined the Kinship Board of Directors in May.



Kathy Peterson, Board Vice President, and Barb Thomason, Secretary, buttering bread for the Kinship Fish Fry May 20th.



New Board member, Jason McCollum, scrubbed potatoes for the 2011 Fish Fry.



Judith Miller serving Fish Fry guests in May attended her first board meeting in June.

Friends of Kinship ~

Thanks to these friends who helped with the Kinship Calendar, office tasks, the Kinship Clubhouse Giveaway, and the 2011 Fish

Dennis Anderson
Linda Bair
Beth Baker-Knutilla & Angel
Terese Bervig & Kali
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Lezli Zimmerman

Buy your \$5 Kinship Clubhouse Raffle Tickets here:

Park Rapids: Northwoods Bank • Park Rapids Building Supply • Kinship Beagle Books • Fresh Catch • The Good Life Café • Park Rapids BP • Trading Post • Wildwood Enchantment • Park Ace Hardware • T&M Express • Max Bailey Photography • Northern Convenience • Evergreen Gifts and Fun Park • **Akeley:** T&M Express **Nevis:** Northwoods Bank • T&M Express **Osage:** Floor to Ceiling Store • Osage Bait & Tackle

The drawing will be 5 pm at Legends & Logging Days, August 13

CLIMB Theater to perform at Legends & Logging Days

Come to the Kinship booth at L&L on Saturday, August 13 to buy your last clubhouse raffle tickets and to watch a CLIMB Theater troupe perform short plays on topics of current interest. The three person troupe will perform 6-9 times throughout the day using their truck for a stage. They will circulate among the crowd prior to each performance gathering their own audience. An intergenerational group of local people will be invited in July to choose three topics for the actors to address in their short plays. Legends & Logging Days will be held on Friday & Saturday, August 12/13 at the Antique Tractor grounds, 1/2 mile east of 34 on County Road 6.



Kinship mentor and Board member, Joel Maxwell, listens as Itasca State Park naturalist talks about building a safe campfire with his Kinship friend, Micheal.



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News Flashes from Kinship



Congratulations to Damion Outen, for earning more AR—accelerated reader points this past school year than any student in the history of Century School! Damion ended the year with 1141 points. Students earn points by reading books and passing tests on their content. His mentors, Rich & Mary Frahm, take Damion to the library every week where he sometimes checks out up

to a dozen books at a time. “I love to read!” says Damion. He is participating in the library’s summer reading program.

Gregg Bervig Awarded \$2500 MDRT Grant for Kinship

Gregg Bervig of Investment Service Center was awarded a \$2,500 Quality of Life Grant by the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) Foundation for outstanding community service on behalf of Kinship. Gregg presented the check to Kinship Director Jennifer Therkilsen and then President Del Holz in April. This grant, along with grant monies from St. Joseph’s Community Health—Violence Prevention Mission & Ministry program, made it possible for Kinship to hire Candy Weinzierl as a part-time assistant.



Thanks to Evergreen Gifts and Fun Park for Successful Mini-Golf Tournament

Evergreen Gifts and Fun Park sponsored a mini-golf tournament Monday evening, June 20 that raised \$1200 for Kinship. Thirty-three teams of 3-4 people of all ages played a round of 18 holes. Golfers were especially challenged at several “wacky” holes where they were required to use a walking stick, baseball bat or toy hockey stick rather than a putter; at another hole they were blindfolded.



Kinship treasurer, Bill Simpson, golfing with his wife Nora.

Tom and Barb Atwood, owners of Evergreen, declared Kinship as their official charitable organization. Pleased with the turnout, frequent cheers and laughter, they suggested this event be considered the 1st annual. Be on the watch for next year—it’s too fun to miss!

Lori Lea Lanes hosted popular bowling event

Lori Lea Lanes invited Kinship kids and mentors to a bowling party in January and 60+ people showed up for a fabulous event! Thank you, Lori Lea Lanes! Kinship kids love bowling!

