



Kinship

2011 Annual Report



Fred and Karen Lundstrom were matched with Cameron last May. They spend time fishing, swimming, doing wood projects, playing catch, and just hanging out together. Lundstrom's are very involved in Cameron's schooling and enjoy including him in some of their extended family activities. Dorothy is grateful that Kinship found such wonderful mentors for Cameron.

Cameron is sanding a cutting board he made for his great-grandmother with coaching from his mentor, Fred Lundstrom. When 85-year-old Dorothy Stumbo called last year saying her 11-year-old great grandson, Cameron, had just moved in with her, she said she hoped Kinship could find a mentor for him. Dorothy didn't drive anymore and said she couldn't play catch or take him places. Could Kinship help?

Kinship Mentors Share

Editor's note: At Kinship we hear a lot about the positive impact of mentoring - on both the Kinship kids and their mentors. Read below to see how mentors responded when asked to share about their Kinship kid.

Some things **Cole** did this year are: Joined the chess club at Nevis (he hasn't found anyone who can beat him yet except the teacher!); petitioned the principal to start a debate team; became a really good kayaker! **Cliff & Joan Tweedale**

I'm proud of **Brennen** for helping to build and paint his own custom wooden model house, learning to fold some cool Origami items, building a wooden shelf and a pirate ship. And continuing to be the awesome, easy going, witty and smart kid and friend I know him to be! **David Niemela**

My proudest moment of **Treasa** so far is when she, with tears and trepidation, did the second challenge on the Chal-

lenge Course. She overcame her fear and DID IT ANYWAY!
Trudy Overmyer

I am proud of **Sky** for being on the B Honor Roll. She is very mature and perceptive. I am proud of **Zoey** for being on the A Honor Roll. She is a talented artist and a good photographer. I am proud of both Sky and Zoey for being willing to volunteer at community dinners and at the Headwaters Animal Shelter. **Carol Schellack**

We love **Jackie's** happy, light spirit and that she is an eager learner. Reading is always a part of our being together and we are so pleased she is learning to swim. **Liz & Phil Smith**

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Thank You, 2011 Volunteers

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

Reading Buddies offered each child friendship, undivided attention and encouragement to find the joy in reading. Volunteers matched with **Century** first graders ate lunch and read with them every other Tuesday or Thursday from January to April or October to December

Beth Baker-Knuttila,
Century Coordinator
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Janine Weideman
Linda Williams
Barb Zahlen

Thank You 2011 Volunteer Mentors

Volunteers matched with children ages 6-18 share an hour or more weekly in an activity they both enjoy. Through these genuine friendships, Kinship youth grow their self-confidence and social skills while mentors claim to gain far more than they give.

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Nevis Reading Buddy Volunteers matched with first graders read together weekly for 25 minutes on Tuesdays January to April or October to December 2011.

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Peg Odegaard, coordinator
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Judy Thompson



Thank You, Board Members ~

These dedicated Board Volunteers provided governance to Kinship in 2011, insuring a clear mission and resources to achieve it.

Brittany Boe
Renee Brauer
Del Holz
Dave Keller
Joel Maxwell
Jason McCollum
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Dan Zimmerman



Jason McCollum and secretary Barb Thomason, along with other Board members, working at a Kinship fundraiser.

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As president of the Kinship board, I would like to speak for the entire board in expressing our deepest thanks and gratitude for your generous support of Kinship this past year. I am awed at the list of faithful donors as well as new donors who have made it possible for Kinship to keep growing in our efforts to match children with responsible, caring adults. Your help in monetary donations, contributions of time and or products with fundraisers and activities all help to maintain and grow a very healthy program. Recent years have educated all of us on the positive impact of mentors in the lives of all children.



To our many dedicated, outstanding mentors, you are the program. You give the meaning to the name Kinship. To you we give the most heartfelt thank you. Attending group activities and watching the interactions and relationships between you and your kinkids only confirms the impact you are making on the lives of children in our area. I think of my two adult daughters who had every advantage in life with family, grandparents, relatives, sports, church, and family friends. Each developed a special relationship with another adult in their life, one a

coach, and one a youth leader at church. You could feel the sense of pride our children felt when these adults took interest in their life activities and plans. How much more important it is for our kinkids to have you as mentors as they so often do not have the opportunity to develop mentor relationships naturally in their daily life experiences.

Our program's growth and strength in the community is a product of the dedicated leadership of our executive director, Jennifer Therkilsen. Anyone who knows her or who has talked to her even briefly, cannot help sensing the sincerity and loyalty she has to the mission of Kinship, its children and mentors.

I cannot neglect thanking the caring adults who are the members of the board. It is a working board which means many hours are given to making decisions that affect the Kinship program. Thank you for your willingness to serve our community in its efforts to give focus to the needs of children.

Please join us at Kinship events throughout 2012 as we celebrate Kinship's 20th anniversary year.

Kathy Peterson,
President of the Board



2011 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 memory of:

Amy Andersen's father

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from Barb & Mark Thomason

Greg Anderson

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Greg Zahn

from Kevin & Renee Brauer



Businesses & Organizations Support Mentoring In Big Ways

Owner Tom Atwood, chatting with Talaine Collins at the **Evergreen Gifts & Fun Park** Mini-Golf Benefit Tournament for Kinship. Plan to join in on the fun June 20th, 2012 for the 2nd annual event—which promises to be bigger, better and even more fun!

The **National Catholic Society of Foresters** gave half of the proceeds from their rummage sale to Kinship.



Northwoods Bank donated the third annual clubhouse for Kinship to raffle as a fundraiser. They plan to donate a fourth and final clubhouse to help celebrate Kinship's 20th Anniversary in 2012.



J&B Foods donated the proceeds from Taste of the Holidays to Kinship in December. Jeff & Bob Hensel presented the gift to Kinship director, Jennifer Therkilsen.

Dorset House Family Restaurant and **Investment Service Center** hosted ice cream socials and a group of women hosted the 1st annual **Mah Jongg for Kinship** tournament.

2011 Tributes

We are pleased to honor these individuals and to recognize the donors for their gifts that are helping Kinship connect adults with kids and put hope in their hearts. *Gifts given to the Kinship Endowment Fund

In Honor Of:

Renee Brauer

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Happy Birthday Kevin & Renee Brauer

Ruth Wibe & Hollis Heimark

Merry Christmas Kevin Brauer

Brittany Boe and Eddie*

Merry Christmas Mike Cohrs

Brittany Boe and Ethan*

Happy Birthday Nora Simpson

Community Health Group

Kinship Mentors Share *continued from pg 1*

A future entrepreneur? Don't be surprised if you see more of **Freddie's** slingsticks in the works. We get along very well and always have something creative to do. **Paul Albright**

Shania completed Upward Bound, a six-week course at Bemidji State University to prepare students for education beyond high school. **Jill & Deane Johnson**

Both **Abby** and I are proud of her courage and perseverance in overcoming her fear on the Challenge Course and that she learned how to kayak. **Sheila Hastings**

Mikaela made the B honor roll. **Renee Brauer**

We enjoy the way **Cameron** interacts with others and his sense of humor. We enjoy teasing him and he teases us right back. **Fred and Karen Lundstrom**

Alycia won a prize for her drawing in the youth art display and made her first quilt. **Bonnie Welch**

Viv made the honor roll in her first year in Middle School! And she's still doing a great job dancing and performing with Just For Kix! **Edie Evarts**

I was proud of **Victoria** for attending the Christmas party. Being so extremely shy and bashful, I know she did not want to go and I think she agreed because she realized it was important to me. **Sue & Curt Sumner**

At first **Kasarra** was a little skeptical about doing the Challenge Course and once she climbed up the pole she was REALLY skeptical. But with the encouragement of those around her, she continued through her fear and finished the course. I was very proud of her! **Candy Weinzierl**

Friends of Kinship ~

Thanks to these friends who helped with office tasks, fundraisers, group activities, and in other special ways

Paul Albright & Freddie	Jeannette & Andrea Dudley	John & Joyce LaFrance	Marcia Plasil
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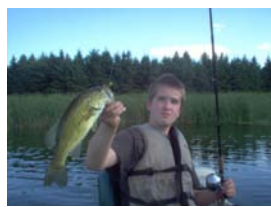
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I was so proud of my friend **Kali** when she went through the process of applying for, interviewing for and getting her first real job at the C'mon Inn! **Terese Bervig**

I am very proud of **Alissa** for making the B honor roll 1st Trimester. She is also learning how to play the flute in band and is in choir and speech. **Beth Baker-Knuttila**

Joseph is very polite, has wonderful manners and a great sense of humor. We are finding that golf is challenging but it is something we can do together and it gives us time to talk. **Frank Forsberg**

I am very proud of **Hunter** because he is working hard at school and with keeping his grades up. **Bob Kaumans**

I am very proud that **Nate** is maintaining good grades, has started participating in athletics, and I think he sees college in his future. He got himself a job which will work into summer employment. He is planning an overseas trip with his church group which I believe is a great opportunity for him to broaden his perspectives. **Phil Sailer**

I am proud of **Eddie** for his focus on good grades and his always polite demeanor. **Kevin Brauer**

Carol created the cutest car to illustrate the wheel and axle concept—it even sported a license plate, "Carol's Buggy". She was one of four in her class to conquer the concept of-

multiplication tables and move on to the next level. I'm very proud of her zest for learning. **Kathie Kavolak**

Caiden and I went open water fishing for the first time this past fall. It was pretty cold and he was the "last one standing." We also went ice fishing and again he wanted to keep on fishing!! He is very well mannered and a joy to be with!!!
Dennis Mackedanz

We are very proud of the favorable impression **Ana** makes on our friends and neighbors. **Barb and Mark Thomason**

Monica had a singing part in her church Christmas program, has been working to earn badges in Girl Scouts, and enjoyed photography in 4-H. However, the thing that we are the most proud of is that she stood up for some children that were being bullied and asked them to stop. **Raeann Mayer**

My proudest moment was having **Luke** pass all of his classes last year in school. He won't graduate this year but continues to tell me he is committed to staying in school until he does. **Greg Johnson**

Micheal got his first strike ever without the bumpers at the Kinship bowl event this winter. He does well at scrabble, getting good scores and coming up with great words. We like how Micheal is getting much better at trying new healthy foods. **Joel & Mary Maxwell**