



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS & UNAUDITED INTERNAL REVIEW



Kinship of Morrison County

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Greetings from the staff and Board of Directors of Kinship of Morrison County. I am pleased to provide you with this program & financial overview of 2022. Kinship has been serving youth in Morrison County through mentoring and group activities since 1974. We strive to live up to our Mission Statement; "to provide a one-to-one friendship in the most wholesome way possible with the intention that the child could show noticeable improvement in personal development." The youth we serve come from homes where they don't live with both parents and benefit from the influence of another positive adult in their life.

Kinship's youth development efforts focus on group mentoring activities and on 1:1 or family-based matches. In 2022 we hosted 13 activities plus 3 fundraisers, all of which bring our youth & adults together to share the experiences side-by-side. Details on these activities are provided on pages 6 & 7.

Kinship's matches shared many everyday adventures beyond sponsored activities, several of which are highlighted through pictures in this report. The relationships formed during these times together is what Kinship is all about!

Financially, Kinship did well in 2022. We changed our fundraising approach on the Cook-off, making this year's the most successful yet! Kinship also received a number of large donations or grants (\$1000+) which were gratefully received. These included: Crow Wing Power Round Up, Great River Energy, M&M Turkeys, Laura Jane Musser Fund, United Way of Morrison County, Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures, Bruce Pederson & a Youth Intervention Program grant. These are on top of the many smaller donations, both cash & in-kind, that keep Kinship operating.

I deeply appreciate all of the efforts of our volunteers, donors & sponsors. Your giving of time & resources make positive youth development through Kinship a possibility. In 2023, we look forward to forming new friendships, and maximizing the impact that our group mentoring activities have on Kinship's participants & the community.

Sincerely,

Aaron Olson

Executive Director
Kinship of Morrison County

2022 Kinship Board of Directors

Directors:

Corey Fink, Little Falls Radio
JoAnn Fletcher, Parent
Collin Backowski, MC Social Services, mentor
John Maleski, CLC Instructor, mentor
Mike Costello, Self-employed, mentor

Executive Director:

Aaron Olson

Staff:

Becky Olson - Match Manager

KINSHIP OF MORRISON COUNTY MISSION STATEMENT

Kinship of Morrison County is dedicated to the premise that kids need, and can benefit from the guidance and companionship of a mature adult friend. Our purpose is to provide this one-to-one friendship in the most wholesome way possible with the intention that the child could show noticeable improvement in personal development.

Kinship Fish Fry

Friday, March 3, 2023
4:30 to 7:00 PM
Little Falls VFW

GREAT MENU

*Alaskan Pollack - Rolls - Calaisou
- Tater Tots - Fish Poppin' - Milk
- Coffee - Ice Cream*



Soup & Chili Cook-off

Monday, October 23, 2023
5:00 - 7:00 PM
Falls Ballroom in Little Falls



*Get Tickets Presale or
at the Door*



*Sponsor a Full
Service Table*

2022 Year in Review

Youth Served

Total: **73** Male: **42** Female: **31**
Age 9 & under: **15** Age 10-15: **36** Age 16 & over: **22**

Youth in traditional mentoring: **51** Youth mentoring in family matches: **16**
Youth in Firearms Safety only: **6** New Youth in 2022: **25**
Graduations from Kinship in 2022: **18**

Volunteers & Mentors

Mentors (1:1 & Group Activities): **45** Firearms Safety Volunteers: **6**
New Volunteers in 2022: **4**

Matches

Total Matches: **32** New Matches: **7** Match Closures: **6**

Kinship Activities

Number of Activities: **16** Ave. Attendance: **20 youth / 12 adults**
Kinship Youth who attended at least one activity during 2022: **82%**

Involvement in the Community

Firearms Safety Program: **11 participants 11 instructors, 27 hours**
Soup & Chili Cook-off: **300** Fish Fry: **425**



Kinship youth & volunteers during our fishing trip on Crow Wing Lake

Kinship's Group Mentoring Activities

Kinship staff organizes monthly activities at no cost to our youth and volunteers. For un-matched participants, activities are an opportunity to experience new things side-by-side with other youth and volunteers. Matches are also welcomed to attend the monthly activities as an option for getting together.



Activities focus on three categories; fun, education or service. In 2022, 59 youth & 42 volunteers participated in at least one of the 16 hosted activities. Attendance ranged from 17 to 59 and averaged 20 youth & 12 volunteers. Kinship participants submitted ideas & gave feedback on activities during the year on multiple surveys.



The first activity of the year was broomball and skating on the Exchange Arena outdoor rink. It was a cold night, but a good motivation to keep sliding around!

In February we hosted our Annual Meeting in the Historic Courthouse where attendees reviewed Kinship's impact in 2021. Later in the month, we had to cancel a highly anticipated snow tubing trip due to a blizzard!

March was a busy month as we hosted our annual Fish Fry fundraiser with a crowd of over 425 people. Thank you to the 25+ volunteers (both youth & adult) who helped to make it possible. Later in the month, we met at the Little Falls Bowling Center for an evening of bowling fun!



After a month off, we travelled to Mille Lacs Lake for a COLD fishing launch through Twin Pines Resort. Thankfully a few fish were caught to help ward off the hypothermia.



As summer came, we wanted to return to the water. Unfortunately, we had to cancel a canoe trip for a number of reasons including seasonally high water, but made it up for with a fishing trip to Crow Wing Lake. Thank you to the 8 different "captains" who brought boats to make the evening possible. The group is shown on page five, but don't look too close for the fish, as they didn't cooperate:)

In July, Kinship volunteered to staff the United Way brat sale at Coborns as a "thank you" for their ongoing financial support. We traveled to the Long Drive In in Long Prairie and played kickball prior to enjoying an outdoor showing of the animated film Minions.



In August we hosted our nine-night, firearms safety course at both the Historic Courthouse & the Eastern Morrison County Sportsman's Club. This continues to be a valuable, hands-on educational course to teach real-life skills to the participants!

August continued with a trip to watch the St. Cloud Rox baseball team which was made possible by a generous gift from the Rox Baseball Foundation! An evening at Camp Shamineau was the last activity for the summer. We could have used a few more hours as the group climbed high ropes, completed low level challenges, played laser tag in the dark and more.



In September we traveled by bus to Northland Kart Kountry (north of Brainerd) for an evening of go-carting, mini golf, bumper cars, virtual reality games, bungee bounce & more.

October brought a new activity hosted by John & Vicky Maleski (along with family & friends) at their rural property. While the day was definitely cold, the group picked & carved pumpkins, learned about trapping small animals for fur, and learned a variety of hunting related topics including planting food plots, whitetail deer & their shed antlers, & also goose hunting decoy spreads & layout blinds. We went on a tractor-driven farm tour and enjoyed a fall feast! The month ended with our annual Soup & Chili Cook-off at the Falls Ballroom.

We kicked off the Christmas season with a Santa's Workshop thanks to the Kinship volunteers (um, with the help of a certain white-bearded man), who planned & hosted eight different craft & ornament making stations. During Christmas break we held a board game night at the Historic Courthouse which gave participants a taste of six different board & card games. Kinship's group mentoring activities in 2022 continued to make a difference... one friendship at a time.





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January 2023

Independent Financial Review – Kinship of Morrison County

Dear Kinship

Over the course of the year 2022 I routinely balanced our bank statements to our internal records. The purpose of this is so our board can feel confident that we are working with the most accurate financial information possible. Our Board Director Aaron Olson is in charge of entering all expenditures and income into our Quickbooks for our record keeping. After Kinship receives the monthly statements from each of our bank accounts, I with the help of Aaron review these documents and reconcile our accounts. By doing this extra financial step, we as a board can feel confident that as an organization our funds are being accurately tracked. It is rare we find any missing information, but occasionally we will notice a missing line item or duplicate, this verification process remedies it.

Aaron Olson has helped in this process of describing any transactions that may have been in question, and we verify that the funds are going to projects Kinship intends. For example, beyond regular monthly expenditures, it is common for there to be materials purchased from area stores such as a grocery store. Both Aaron and I would then go through the process of matching why these funds were spent and review receipts. These are regularly from group activities where Kinship provides snacks. I have never come across a single transaction using Kinship funds that was not spent towards Kinship. At the end of the year I reviewed random receipts which were all properly recorded.

The records when comparing Kinship's internal Quickbooks record keeping to the monthly bank statements have matched.

As a member serving on the Kinship Board, with my understanding of the basic accounting principles I can verify the accuracy of these financial records matching our bank balances in the 2022 calendar year. As a result it is my recommendation that the board has full confidence in the financial records kept by our organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Corey Fink".

Corey Fink

**SHARING EVERYDAY ADVENTURES
THROUGH KINSHIP!**

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2022 and 2021

ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>	2022	2021
Cash & Cash Equivalents (& undeposited funds)	\$8,214.38	\$11,518.69
Savings	\$31,245.55	\$27,068.41
Accounts / Grants Receivable	\$2,722.21	\$2,833.82
Prepaid Expenses	\$1,844.34	\$2,805.73
Total Current Assets	<u>\$44,026.48</u>	<u>\$44,226.65</u>
 <u>Furnishings, Equipment & Promotion Inventory</u>		
Net value of Promotional Item Inventory	\$863.70	\$952.62
Net value of Office Equipment	\$1,247.45	\$186.00
Total Assets	<u>\$46,137.63</u>	<u>\$45,365.27</u>

LIABILITIES

<u>Currents Liabilities</u>		
Accounts Payable	\$205.00	\$0.00
Deferred Income (from grants)	\$1,468.00	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$1,673.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>

TOTAL NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$44,464.63</u>	<u>\$45,365.27</u>
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Statement of Functional Revenue & Expenses
December 31, 2022 and 2021

<u>Revenue (Income)</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
United Way (Federated Campaigns)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Fundraiser Income (direct cash income including raffle)	\$18,260.43	\$12,597.26
Govt - Youth Intervention & DNR grants, Cares Act	\$45,000	\$47,160.65
Contributions (including Fundraiser In-Kind donations)	\$30,850.06	\$42,306.45
Fundraiser Expenses (direct cash expenses only)	(\$6,088.44)	(\$4,795.70)
Fundraiser Expenses (In-Kind expenses only)	(\$6,448.99)	(\$6,647.90)
Interest Income	\$77.14	\$69.81
Total Revenue (Income)	\$84,150.20	\$93,190.57
<u>Expenses</u>		
Personnel Services (payroll, payroll taxes, benefits)	\$58,441.36	\$56,049.10
Group Mentoring Activities	\$9,030.91	\$9,453.14
Insurance	\$3,656.90	\$5,729.17
Office Expenses (postage, copies, supplies, phone, etc.)	\$2,684.07	\$2,274.72
Travel	\$578.45	\$232.92
Advertising & Promotions	\$3,113.41	\$3,398.64
Information Technology (computer, internet, web site)	\$1,751.78	\$1,575.30
Accounting Fees	\$500.00	\$500.00
Occupancy Costs	\$2,259.21	\$2,588.89
Dues & Subscriptions	\$1,696.54	\$1,565.97
Conference, mtg & trng (staff, volunteers & matches)	\$998.86	\$1,050.69
Mentor Screening	\$159.95	\$80.00
Other (Depreciation and Odds & Ends)	\$179.40	\$76.00
Total Expenses	\$85,050.84	\$84,574.54
Increase/Decrease in Unrestricted Net Assets	(\$900.64)	\$8,616.03
In Kind Donations, General Items & Fundraising	\$20,381.44	\$16,963.08
In Kind Donations, Volunteer hours & miles	\$44,807.27	\$47,716.57
TOTAL IN KIND DONATIONS	\$65,188.71	\$64,679.65.



A huge "Thank You" to all of individuals, businesses & organizations whose generous cash & in-kind donations & grants help make Kinship's youth mentoring work possible! Recognized below are those that contributed over \$100 to Kinship in 2022!

5 Star Auto Glass
Al Olson Express
American Legion Post 46
American Legion Post 136
American Legion Post 642
Anderson Custom Processing
Animoto
Collin & Kayla Backowski
Bell Prairie Junction
Brad & Chris Hoheisel
Brandl Motors
Central MN Teen Challenge
Chef Mike's Catering
Coborn's Inc.
Mike Costello
Crow Wing Power Roundup
Eagle's Landing
Edward Jones
(Aubrey, Jana, Kyle & Zak)
Enchanted Dairy
Faith Lutheran Church
Falls Court Dentists
Gammello Pearson Attorneys
Garrison Sports
Gottwalt Gwost Construction
Great River Energy
Harding Sportsmen's Club
Jordie's Trailside Café
Knights of Columbus, #1804
Knotty's on 371
Paul Kuske
Lake Beauty Bible Camp
Lake Sullivan Association
Laura Jane Musser Fund
Little Falls Bakery
Little Falls Country Club
Little Falls High School

Little Falls Radio
M&M Turkeys
Magnifi Financial
John & Vicki Maleski
Matt Varilek
Medora Foundation
Mille Lacs Corp. Ventures
Mid MN Fed Credit Union
Morrison County
Morrison County United Way
Moss & Barnett
Old Creamery Café
Bob Otremba
Perkins
Bruce Peterson
Pierz Golf Course
Pierz Lions
Pine Country Bank
Platte Lake POA
Radio Shack / Design Elect.
Randall-Cushing Lions
Rosenmeier Law Office
Rox Baseball Foundation
Schomer Insurance
Servicemaster by Retka
Shooting Sports
Sobieski Lions
Soup & Chili Cook-off Attendees
Stearns Electric Association
Subway
Thrivent Action Team
Twin Pines Resort
VFW Post 1112
VFW Post 9073
Youth Intervention Programs
Andrea Wippler

Making a Difference



One Friendship at a Time

Kinship
MORRISON COUNTY