



Kinship
Kinship Partners

2009 Annual Report



Become a mentor for what you can give.
Stay a mentor for what you receive.



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Our mission is **not** in
recession.

Please give today.

The results are in!

Kinship Partners positively impacts kids' lives...

A recent independent study reported that the children involved in our program are:

- 52% less likely to skip school;
- 46% less likely to start using illegal drugs;
- 36% less likely to lie to a parent;
- 32% less likely to use violence;
- 27% less likely to use alcohol.

This same study found that youth mentoring programs, like Kinship Partners, result in a benefit-cost ratio of \$2.72 to \$1.00. This incredible return on your investment is seen in a reduced need for social services, a reduction in juvenile as well as adult crime, as well as all of the results sited above.

We are proud to report these glowing statistics, but we still have a long way to go. In 2009 we again experienced an increased demand for our services.

As a result, given the current state of the economy and its direct impact on grant availability and funding for Kinship Partners, we are scaling back all our ancillary programs to focus 100% of our efforts in 2010 on our One-on-One Mentoring Program.

We thank all of you who already participate in our program and we invite those who may not yet be involved to join us. There are many opportunities: become a mentor, join a committee, attend an event, become a donor.

Working together, we can reach even greater numbers of children, helping them to reach their full potential through a personal relationship with a caring, trained volunteer who becomes their friend, role model, and mentor.

Blessings,

David Downing, Executive Director

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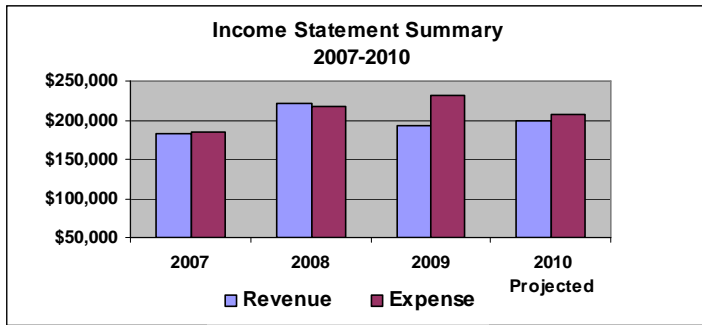
Our Staff

David Downing, Executive Director
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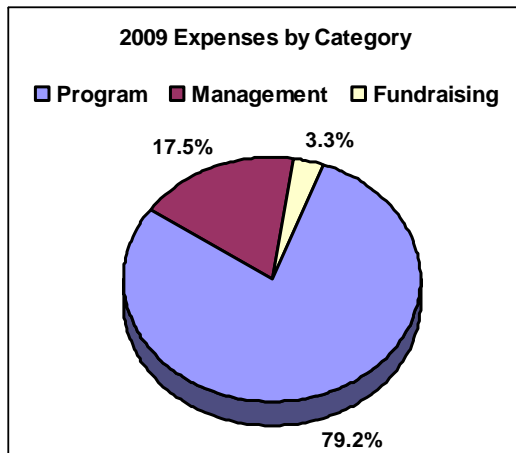
Kinship Partners is an affiliate of the National Kinship Network.

Financial Information for 2009



Revenue by Category

	2007	2008	2009	Projected 2010
Grants	31.9%	46.0%	31.7%	25.0%
Fundraising	42.7%	37.0%	44.9%	42.5%
Non Profit	13.7%	9.1%	8.5%	10.5%
Individual & Corporate	11.4%	7.9%	15.0%	22.0%
Interest	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



A complete financial audit is available upon request.
 A full listing of donors may be obtained by visiting our website www.kinshippartners.org.

Friends of Kinship,

Since 1986 Kinship Partners Youth Mentoring Program has provided positive role models and guidance to youth in Crow Wing and southern Cass Counties. Currently there are over 200 children matched with a caring adult mentor who helps them realize their innate potential. Kinship Partners works to break down these barriers by providing children with a friend who gives them the confidence they need to shine in life.

But today there are over 40 youth on our waiting list who are eager to spend time with an adult who cares.

Now, more than ever, your gift to Kinship Partners will make a difference. With the downturn in the economy, demand for our services has increased while funding has declined. **Our ability to keep up with the number of young people seeking partners is in jeopardy.** Your gift – of any size – will be of enormous help as we navigate these challenging times and continue this important work.

Thank you in advance for your support of Kinship Partners. Together we can influence a generation one child at a time.

Sincerely,

Steve Holmvg, Board President

For your convenience, an envelope has been enclosed. You may also make a donation online at www.kinshippartners.org

In 2009 over 300 volunteers gave over 40,000 hours of service to Kinship Partners and the kids and families we serve.



Our Mentors

Scott & Tami Adolphsen
Stephanie Aker
Gust Akkanen
Jeremy Allord
Carol Altepeter
Duane Anderson
Lloyd Anderson
Charles & Miranda Anderson
Marilyn Anderson
Peter & April Anderson
Heidi Anderson

In 2009, 52 new kids were served by Kinship mentors in our area .

Tom Andrea
Lily Atwel
Joan Ayers
Mary Backlund
Charles & Bonnie Bahr
Christian & Christina Barnett
Joleen Barry
Tom Beaver
Susan Beck
Steve Beckman
Ann Bergin
Dave Bergin
Kathy Bernier
Ed Bettino
Kari Blazek
Gary & Pat Bluth
Charlotte & Gary Bock
Alan Bohme
Jessica Bonner
Sally Boos
Greg Booth
Terri Botz
Linda & Timothy Bowman family
Stephanie Bragstad
Amy Brandt
Michelle Burris
Arlene & Max Bush
Laurie Campbell
Frank Cebelinski
Angel Christensen
Todd Christopherson
Cindy & Ali Clough
Jan Costello
Randy Cousins
Tamy Cullinane
Rodney Damar
Gary Danielson
Sheila DeChantal
Scott Dehning
Jenny Delaney
Mary Pat Dobmeier
Kathy Donnelly
Linda Dosh
Karen & David Downing family

Jason Duerr
Tammy Ebertowski
Joy Eggert
Carissa Elg
Ronald Engblom
Michael Engler
Sally Erickson
Richard Erickson
Ken Estvold
Conrad Everts
Claire Faust
Debby Felske
Arvid & Jan Femrite
Kelsey Fitzgerald
Maggie Flantz
Roger Forcelle
Daniel & Annette Frank
Deb Frazer-Leary
Jacob Frie
Joe & Jane Galloway
Dean Gangelhoff
Kristen Goebel
Tina Grewe
Linda & Kim Groen
Jim Haakonson
Paul & Heidi Haddix
Leanne Hagstrom-Kuepers
Mitchell Hallan
Lura Hanson
Richard Harris
Dan Hegstad
Valori & Justin Heitkamp
Jeremy Hinkemeyer
Emily Hoeschen
Barbara Holmes
Steven & Marilyn Holmgvig
Jim & Louise Hunt
Susan Hurst
Dan Jacobson
Billie Jo Jaeche
Amy Jendro
Sharon Jendro
Stephen Jobe
Naomi Jobes
Joan & Jim Johnson



Lowell Johnson
Ilda Johnson
Bruce Johnson
Angee Johnson
Catherine & Herbert Johnston
David Jones
Erin & Matthew Karlgaard

Judith Kidder
Bill & Cathy King
Jane Kiphuth
Lori Kodet
Rachel Kohn
Steven & Mary Kolkind
Gary & Karen Kruger
Greg Kvale
Olive Lafer
Melissa & Tom Lake
Nancy & Alan Landin
Patrick Lanin
Joe Lanz
Steve Lanz
Kim Larson
Marsha Larson
Jeanne & Bob Larson
Jim Lease & Becky Miller
Dave LeBlanc
Beth Lehner
Hal & Kelli Leland family
Dyanne Lerew
Tina Lewis
Brianna Loeffelbein
Bonnie Lomen
Michelle Loreno
Scott Lucas
Paul & Marcia Mans
Shawn & Brandi McCutcheon
Mark McDonald
Patrick McGuire
Teresa McLean

We have 209 active partnerships.

Mike McMenimen
Cindy McMurray
Susan Menk
Katie Mensing
Dan & Sue Meyer family
Diane Meyer
Laurel Mezner
Kathryn Miller
Lory Miller
Kent & Eve Minette
Elise & Don Mink
Jordan Mohs
Rebecca Munsch
Karen Munsterteiger
Barb Nash
Kris Neff
Ruth & Charles Nelson
Annette Newton
Robert Nibbe
Bambi O'Hern
Bonnie Olson
Kris & Brad Olson family
Suzie Olson
Sharon & David Ostrowski
Stephanie & Paul Ouren family

Our Mentors

Karen Owen
Cheryl Pedersen
Gina Peterson
Cory Peterson
Kathy & Gary Phillips

In 2009 over 800 area children received winter outerwear at our annual Coats for Kids event.

Adam & Brenda Pitan
Melanie Quillin
Joseph Radinovich
Belinda & Paul Reier
Gregory & Lori Reisdorf
Lynn Remington
Marcia Rice
Tom & Tammy Ringhand family
Deb & Rick Roberts
Richard Rodseth
Rad Royer
Jake Rudquist
Roger Rutt
Taren Saccoman
Karl Samp
Jill Sandberg
Kelly Sandberg
David Satherlie
Kim Searcy
Diane Searcy
Darlene & Ron Schaefer
Kevin Schlosser
Denny Schmidt
Beth Schmitz
Mark Schmutzer
Paul Schreiber
Nancy & Roger Schroeder family
Andrea Selinger
Sarah Sellnow
Kathy Serfling
Cassandra & Matthew Seymour family
Rosemary Shaffer
Dan Shipman
Clare & Gerard Sinner family
Breanna Sinner
Amy Sjoblad
Bruce Smith
Justin Smith
Lauri Snow
Randy Speckel
Clarence & Kim Spencer family
Lynn & Gordon Spicer
Carrie Spitzack
Mary Kay Spizzo
Katherine Spoden
Jon Strand
Thomas Stuber
Gigi Sullivan
Keith & Debra Sunnarborg

Kristen Svobodny
Carl Taute
Sandra & Tim Thorpe
Jim & Linda Tousignant
JoAnn Trebil
Ellen Uglem
Stephanie VanWyngeeren
Robert & Joyce Vaughn
Amy & Dan Vleck family
Christina Vopatek
Amanda Walker
Lisa Walker
Jason & Darcy Walkowiak
Gary & Lisa Walters
Craig Walters

In 2009, 178 backpacks full of school supplies were given out to children at our annual End of the Summer picnic.

Terry Wanderi
Sherry Watland
Kelli Weaver
Calen Weber
Jim & Marjorie Wheeler
Marc & Shawna Williams
Linda Wilson
Beth Wittenberg
Andrew Wottreng
Tom & Vickie Wryk
Kelly Wulf
Daniel Wyman
Mark & Michelle Yungbauer
Katie Zaske

