



Why become a mentor?



Mentoring, at its core, guarantees young people that there is someone who cares about them, assures them they are not alone in dealing with day-to-day challenges, and makes them feel like they matter.

Research confirms that quality mentoring relationships have powerful positive effects on young people in a variety of personal, academic, and professional situations. Ultimately, mentoring connects a young person to personal growth and development, and social and economic opportunity. It does seem a bit daunting, how can I ever do that for a young person?

Some mentorships may be very intentional, however, spending quality time with a young person, whatever that time needs to be, is a very powerful thing and has the potential to make improvements in many aspects of a young person's life. For more information, call Lisa at 320-585-7872.



WILL YOU BE THE ONE?

We are so thankful for our 13 active mentoring matches, but there are **5 Kinship Kids** waiting for a mentor – could you be a match for one?



- » A 16-year-old male who enjoys being with friends, video games, and board games
- » A 9-year-old male who enjoys playing games and watching movies
- » 16-year-old male who enjoys sports, video games, and drawing
- » 11-year-old male who enjoys legos, sketching, and fishing, but also seems ready to try new things
- » 5 year old female who loves singing, crafts, and anything pink and purple

SAVE THE DATE FOR RUSC Kinship Events



QUARTER KRAZE FUNDRAISER

10am | Saturday, April 15

American Legion
MORRIS, MN



GOLF FORE MENTORING

Saturday, June 6

Pomme de Terre Golf Club
MORRIS, MN



1ST ANNUAL 5K FOR KIDS

Saturday, September 23

Prairie Harvest Festival
MORRIS, MN



OVER 2,200 BOOKS RECEIVED! Dolly Parton Imagination Library

Stevens County started its participation in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in September 2021. Since that time, about 200 children ages birth to five have received books on a monthly basis.

That means – over 2,200 books that have been mailed to Stevens County children!

There is no cost to the family, but mailing all of those books can get a little costly. Help defray the cost of postage by 'sponsoring' a child for as little as \$25 per month. With this monthly donation, you can help build a child's library right in their own home.

To sign up a child, go to: rusckinship.org/dpil

Become a \$25-a-month partner:
rusckinship.org/give



Ways to Support RUSC Kinship



Build Out the Community Patio

An engraved brick on our community patio continues a solid foundation for RUSC Kinship. Bricks can be purchased as gifts, memorials for loved ones, or in honor of our community and its members. **Brick orders are due by May 31** and will be laid this summer.

Visit rusckinship.org/brick for more information.

Become a Champion!

Automatic monthly donation to RUSC Kinship are the easiest way to create consistent funding for our programs.

Visit rusckinship.org/champion for more information.

Donate Time & Talent

Become a Community Mentor, volunteer to help at a Mentor Mingle, become a Lunch Buddy, volunteer to be on a committee, and more!

Visit rusckinship.org for more information.



JANUARY WAS National Mentoring Month



As a special thank you to all of our Mentors and Mentees we held a bowling and pizza party. Maybe not as many strikes on the bowling alleys as we would have liked, but fun was had by all!

Thank you to the Donnelly Rod and Gun Club for sponsoring this event.

As part of National Mentoring Month, RUSC Kinship took an afternoon to say thank you to our fabulous Mentors and Board Members for their commitment to RUSC's program.

Thank you to CJ & Stacey Fromm of The Fireside of Morris for donating our afternoon of fun, networking, and great food!



THANK YOU DONORS



OUR MONTHLY GIVERS

Lisa Denzer
Gary & Tammy Dierks
Vicky Dosedall
Jeanne Ennen

Don & Algene Larson
Joanie Murphy
Trevor & Jennifer Seales
Minnwest Finance



September - January

Ag Country Give & Grow Program	Rendsville United Charities
Dan & Jacki Schmidgall	Riverside Express LLC
Donnelly Rod & Gun Club	Rose & Dan Murphy
Faith Lutheran Church, ELCA	- In honor of Jeanne Enne & Lisa Denzer
Gail Swart	Susan Seales
Hefty Seed Company	- In honor of Trevor & Jennifer Seales
Horton Community Chest	Sue & Wayne Westerman
James & Teresa Erickson	Trinity Lutheran Church of Cyrus
Jeana Janzen	Virene Luthi
John & Debra Luetmer	Virginia Perreault
Kongsvinger Women of the ELCA	- In memory of Jay & Jenna Scheldorf
Marlys Mahoney	Wilkins Industries, Inc
	Warren & Geraldine Anderson

Give to the Max Day

Brittany Rose	Kay Feuchtenberger
Carter Moser	Laura Ennen
Courtney Rohloff	Lisa Denzer
Don & Algene Larson	Morris Women of Today
Dorothy Chizek	Paul & Pam Fehr
Doug & Sharon Ehlers	Tammy Dierks
Greg Fynboh	Tricia Rohloff
Jeanne Ennen	Vicki Dalager
- In memory of Melvin Erickson	Vicky Dosedall
Jeri Erickson	

Special Thanks to our Anonymous Donor of \$5,000 match during Give To The Max Day!

Community Bricks

Tom Spaeth, David & Lisa Denzer

Thank you Otto Bremer Trust!

RUSC Kinship has been awarded a grant from this fine organization making it possible for continued and expanded programming for RUSC Kinship.

Are you a Thrivent Member?



Did you know that as a Thrivent member you can sponsor a Thrivent Action Team to increase your support and impact to RUSC Kinship? Contact RUSC Kinship to learn more about leading your own Thrivent Action Team, or visit thrivent.com/actionteam.



YES!

I am thrilled to be a part of providing Stevens County Youth with another positive adult in their life.

Organization Individual

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to be a **Champion** by sending the same amount every month (min. \$5/month). I have enclosed \$____ to start. Send me details to set-up direct deposits.

I have enclosed my **one-time** gift of:

\$30

\$50

\$100

\$250

\$_____

Make checks payable to RUSC Kinship Mentoring and mail or deliver to: 215 Atlantic Ave., Morris, MN 56267

Donate online at rusckinship.org/give

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