

In a world where guidance and support are invaluable, the RUSC Kinship mentorship program remains steadfast in its commitment to providing positive role models and meaningful guidance to youth in our community.

Over the past year, we've witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of mentorship on both mentors and mentees, fueled by the dedication and passion of our mentors, mentees, volunteers, and the entire RUSC Kinship community.

From July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, our program was supported by an average of 11 community mentors, who contributed an impressive 449 hours of mentoring. Through 66 mentorship responses, our mentees received nearly 7 hours of personalized guidance each month, empowering them to thrive.

We are especially proud to celebrate the accomplishments of two mentees who "graduated" from the program, and we're excited to have formed several new mentor-mentee matches in the past year. Together, we are making a lasting difference, one relationship at a time.



# 11

**Community Mentor  
PER MONTH ON AVERAGE**

From July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024



# 449

**Recorded Hours  
OF MENTORING**



# 7

**Hours of Mentoring Time  
PER MONTH ON AVERAGE**

Based on 66 responses from our mentors.



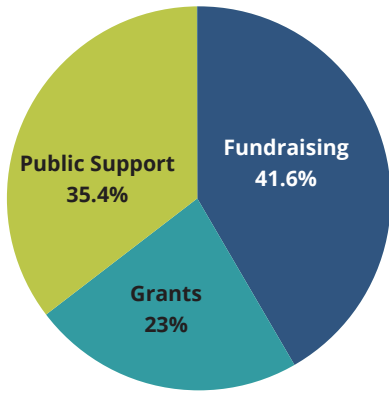
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**Mentee Graduates  
FROM RUSC KINSHIP PROGRAM**

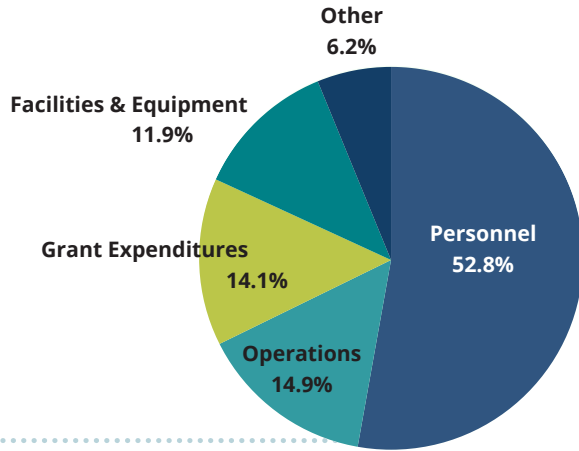
### Celebrating New Matches



**Annual Revenue**  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6-30-24



**Annual Expenses**  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6-30-24



The Lunch Buddy Program took place in the Chokio-Alberta, Morris Area, and St. Mary's elementary schools.

**63**

**2nd Graders**  
AT 3 ELEMENTARYS

**What was the best thing?**

- » I get to spend time reading with someone.
- » Someone to talk with during lunch.
- » I feel like I get special attention.

**As a volunteer, what have you gained?**

- » I feel I have gained a new awareness and appreciation for my young elementary student.
- » To be a better listener and to ask questions in a way to have my lunch buddy open up more.
- » I loved the smile I would get when my lunch buddy would see me and know that he wanted to spend time together. It's a wonderful experience!
- » Taking time to be a role model in a child's life, makes you feel good as a person.

**What do you feel you offer your Buddy?**

- » A listening ear. A chance to be another caring adult in their life.
- » How to break down a hard task to make it easier, like solving word puzzles and crossword puzzles.
- » Listening, showing that I care what she is saying.

**80%**

Students who feel that their attitude toward school has improved

**87%**

Students who feel there are people who care about them and will help out if needed

**98%**

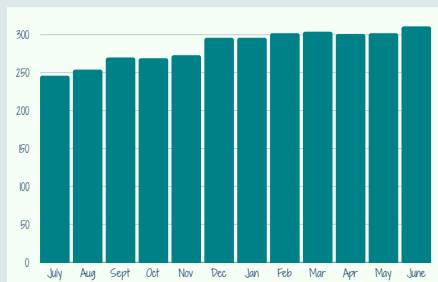
Students who feel it is important to help others

**500+**  
**Mentoring**  
**HOURS**



**Dolly Parton Imagination Library**

Stevens County started its participation in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in September 2021. From July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, **3,424** books were mailed to children ages 0-5.



**BOOKS MAILED**  
July 2023 – June 2024

**300+**  
Children Ages 0-5  
RECEIVING BOOKS MONTHLY

**6,802**  
Booked Delivered  
SINCE 2016