

Kindred Life Annual Report 2015-16

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." John 10:10b

Jessica heard about Kindred Life from a friend and joined the program in Antioch when her daughter, Olivia was 6 weeks old. Like many young moms we see at Kindred Life, Olivia's father, Caleb wanted to be involved in her life but needed direction and guidance. After working through the emotions and disappointments of their parents, each found a place at Kindred Life where they could learn to parent, make friends and reach their goals. Though not a typical 'couple,' Jessica and Caleb live with their respective parents and are learning to co-parent, finish school and hold a job. Jessica has thrived in the program attending counseling and building a relationship with her mentor. She plans to attend Carthage College next year. Caleb, a high school graduate, works full time at his parents' business. While these teens have different personal goals and need to navigate through a lot of parenting advice from family, they love their daughter and agree that Kindred Life has helped change their lives. The program gives them a chance to learn new skills and build relationships. "I'm just a

young adult who happens to also be a parent," Caleb said. "Honestly, I couldn't imagine life any other way. [Olivia] gave me a reason to grow up and become a man." Jessica shares "We realized we didn't have to be boyfriend and girlfriend in order to be mom and dad to Olivia. Kindred Life helps us navigate being mom and dad and has given Caleb a chance to learn how he can co-parent our daughter."

- Jessica & Caleb



The Mission of Kindred Life Ministries is to educate, mentor, counsel and encourage teen parents and their families to live the abundant life Christ promises.

Dear Friend,

We are grateful for your support as we close out the 2015-16 Program Year. With your help, we have been able to serve young parents and children from different socioeconomic and spiritual backgrounds who need to know the grace and truth of our Savior. At Kindred Life, we are intentional about how to best serve the entire family - young parents, children and the extended family who seek the practical, emotional and spiritual support needed to thrive. Because of your faithful prayer, volunteer and financial support we have seen mothers mature, fathers engage with their children and babies grow and develop. While many young moms join Kindred Life for the practical assistance, they stay for the relationships they form. Your investment of time, talent and treasure far exceed the material offerings made available

through the program by planting biblical truths in our families that we pray will take root and grow long after they graduate. We look forward to how each young parent, child and grandparent will be transformed by the saving power of the Lord. Thank you for your role in seeing our young families not just survive parenthood but thrive in all they do!



Serving with you,
Mona Boelens, MPA
Executive Director



19 teen moms & children served



10 teen fathers served *



17 extended family members served*

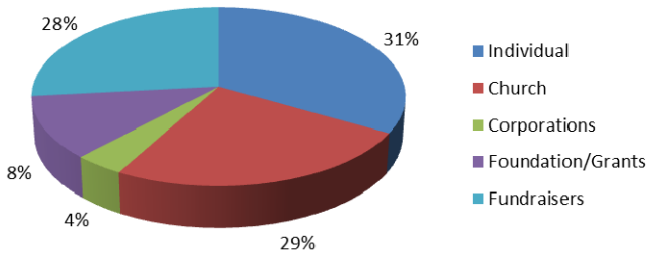
* includes mentoring & family nights

Because of you, we celebrate the following achievements:

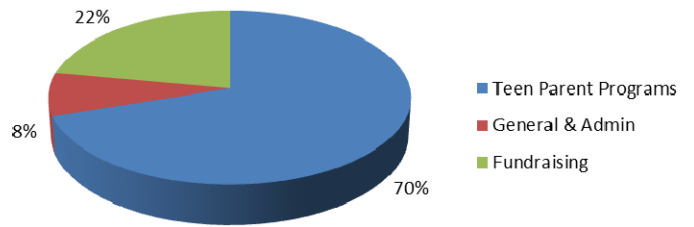
- 2 teen moms graduated from Kindred Life
- 1 teen mom received A's in college courses
- 1 teen mom graduated high school
- 2 teen moms participated in bible study
- 1 teen mom was accepted to the nursing program at Carthage College
- 1 teen mom completed her interpreter certificate & Associate's Degree
- 2 teen moms purchased cars
- 2 teen moms became home-owners

2015-2016 Fiscal Report

2015-2016 Fiscal Year Income Sources - \$176,462



2015-2016 Fiscal Year Expenses - Total \$186,965



Thank You to our Volunteer & Church Support



35 Churches and Church Groups



321 Volunteers



4180 Volunteer Hours



\$105,921 Saved with Church & Volunteer Support

Kindred Life Ministries Staff

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Thank you for your commitment to serve teen parents and their families!



Kindred Life Service Locations

Antioch Area:

St. Mark Lutheran Church
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 Gurnee, IL 60031
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Wheeling Area:

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