

# Kindred Life Annual Report 2016-17

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

*Hello, my name is Justine and I have a two year old daughter named Ruby. Kindred Life is a great community to grow in love and respect for other young moms and older women. Attending Kindred Life takes me out of my comfort zone but I'm a better mom for it. Hearing and sharing stories with the other girls in the program helps me not to feel alone anymore. When Ruby was born, I lost a lot of friends but coming to Kindred Life gives me a place where I can feel true friendship and love by people who genuinely care for me and my daughter. I am grateful for my mentor who is so kind—I love her because she is a great cook and she helps me to get organized—it's made a world of difference. I am trying to become financially responsible and I am grateful to our financial counselor, who has taught me about some amazing resources. Thank you for also praying for my family since it's been a difficult season for us. Since joining Kindred Life my postpartum depression is better. Since joining Kindred Life I have a support system I didn't*

*know existed. Since joining Kindred Life I went from having no job to having two. Since joining Kindred Life I finally love being a mother and honestly didn't think I ever would.*



*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 to you as the 2016-2017 program year has been a year of growth for Kindred Life. Because of your partnership we have served a record number of families and assisted teen moms like Justine and have also had opportunity to mentor Ruby's father Robyn. Not only have we have grown in numbers we have grown in our service provision. Our families have made leaps and bounds **emotionally** through the additional hours our mentors and counselors have spent building relationships and skills. **Practically**, our teen moms received additional financial assistance for school, home and transportation. Likewise, teen dads received training through our Life Education groups. Our teen parents are growing **spiritually** through hearing weekly devotionals and are being showered with

blessings through our prayer intercession program where supporters prayed for specific needs of the families we serve as well as our dedicated staff who serve them. Because of the Lord's faithfulness and your dedicated support, more families had the ability to thrive. Thank you for your partnership!



Serving with you,  
Mona Boelens, MPA  
Executive Director



## Kindred Life is Growing

- Number of clients served increased from last year by 85%
- Life Education for teen dads tripled from last year
- Summer counseling grew by 17%
- New intercessory prayer program has been implemented



## Because of your support we saw teen mothers:

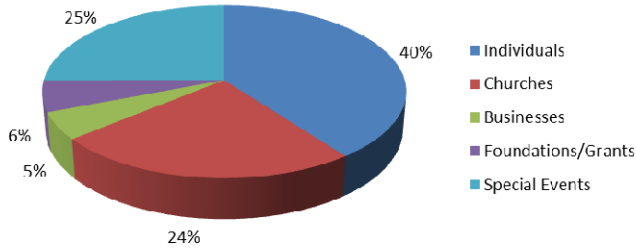
- Graduate from high school
- Enroll and complete college certificate programs
- Move out on their own
- Attend church

## And teen fathers:

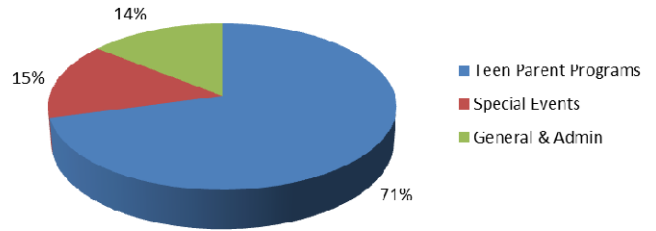
- Attend Life Education group nights
- Receive couples counseling
- Financially support their child

# 2016-2017 Fiscal Report

2016-2017 Income by Source - Total \$184,873



2016-2017 Fiscal Year Expense - Total \$166,974



## Thank You to our Volunteer & Church Support



45 Churches and Church Groups



309 Volunteers



4642 Volunteer Hours



\$120,460 Saved with Volunteer Support

### Kindred Life Ministries Staff

Executive Director — Mona Boelens, MPA  
 Finance Director — Jane O'Connell, CPA  
 Development Director — Cheryl Anderson  
 Administrative Assistant — Nikki Behler

#### Antioch Area:

Site Director — Kathy Mitsuuchi  
 Counselor — Sandy Scott, BA

#### Gurnee Area:

Site Director — Erin Ward  
 Counselor — Bethany Roy, LCSW

#### Wheeling Area:

Site Director — Katie Lehmann  
 Counselor — Patricia Cerenil, LPC



### Kindred Life Board of Directors

Joani Bellito  
 Randy Davis  
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 Pete Moberg  
 Greg Steele  
 Kim Stevenson  
 Julie Stroud

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



### Kindred Life Service Locations

#### Antioch Area:

St. Mark Lutheran Church  
 1822 E. Grand Avenue  
 Lindenhurst, IL 60046  
 847-338-8587  
[Kathy@KindredLifeMinistries.org](mailto:Kathy@KindredLifeMinistries.org)

#### Gurnee Area:

Village Church of Gurnee  
 1319 Hunt Club Road  
 Gurnee, IL 60031  
 224-280-8285  
[Erin@KindredLifeMinistries.org](mailto:Erin@KindredLifeMinistries.org)

#### Wheeling Area:

Our Saviour Evangelical Free Church  
 300 Schoenbeck Road  
 Wheeling, IL 60090  
 224-280-8286  
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