## **KINDRED LIFE ANNUAL REPORT 2017-18**



I am truly honored to celebrate this past year with YOU, our faithful partners. Together we have helped teen parents THRIVE! Can you believe four years have already passed since the Lord pressed upon us the need to engage the young fathers in our ministry? Because of your support, we are able to cultivate growth, build and strengthen relationships and meet the needs of vulnerable teen parents and their children. I now invite you to learn about one young family who has been impacted by Kindred Life. Mona Boelens, Executive Director, MPA

#### SUCCESS STORY - BRENDA, MAURICIO, & SEBASTIAN



Brenda and her 6th month old son, Sebastian came to Kindred Life's Wheeling program in the fall of 2016. At that time Brenda and her boyfriend, Mauricio, were high school students with typical teenage goals like hanging out with friends and getting good grades. With no independent housing options, jobs, or answers, they heard about Kindred Life when Program Director, Katie, came to speak at their school.

At the encouragement of their parents, they were married soon after Sebastian was born. Since joining the program, they have truly become a stronger family, sorting through the trials of teen parenting and finishing high school, together, with the help of Kindred Life. This young couple has not only been

completely committed to financial and emotional counseling, but have also grown in the knowledge of God as their Heavenly Father! They have become role models for other parents in their tightly knit community.

Mauricio works hard as a full time manager for a local restaurant and successfully graduated high school last spring. Brenda graduated

from Wheeling High School this spring where she was awarded student of the month in Sociology. She has since worked very hard to help provide for her family and begin her Licensed Professional Nursing program. With the help of our subsidized housing partner, Brenda, Mauricio and Sebastian now are able to live in their own apartment. Perhaps no one could more beautifully sum up what teen parenting has truly been like than Brenda herself. Please download (free app from QR Code Reader) or use your phone's current QR scanner to see Brenda read her poem entitled, "Life Goes On." OR check out Brenda's poem on our website at: https://KindredLifeMinistries.org/about/videos



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#### WHAT TEEN PARENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT KINDRED LIFE .

"Kindred Life has really helped shape me into the type of parent that I would like to be!" -Karyna

"Kindred Life was such an important part of my life and helped influence me in so many ways...The Faith I received from everyone at Kindred Life and the Lord just gave me the confidence as a single mother to succeed at being a mom." -Brandy, Program Graduate

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#### "I couldn't understand why people would be so happy to see us." -Kendall, Program Graduate

"Kindred Life has changed my life in many ways...you (they) give us good advice, teach us life lessons, and push us to be good parents and better people." -Zach

#### **STAFF**

Mona Boelens - Executive Director Dale Costello - Finance Director Kathy Mitsuuchi - Program Director Nikki Behler - Office Manager Amanda Grandlienard - Development Director Erin Slutsky - Outreach Director

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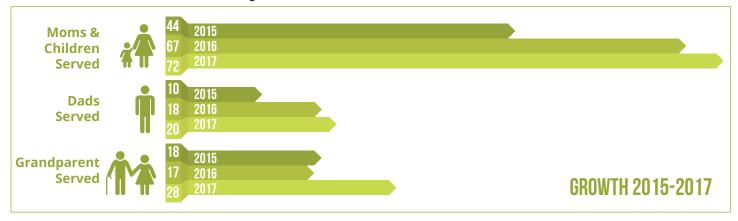
#### WHEELING

Our Savior Evangelical Free Church Katie Lehmann, Program Director, BA Katie@KindredLife.org Patricia Cerenil, Program Counselor, LPC

## **KINDRED LIFE - BY THE NUMBERS**

#### **GROWTH REPORTING:**

Clients Served: 15% Increase From Last Fiscal Year Counseling Attendance Rate: 66% New This Year - Teen Dad Life Education Nights: 11



# FISCAL REPORTING: Income Fiscal Year 2017-18: 26% Fundraisers Foundations/Grants Individual Churches 45% 23%

**EXPENSES:** 

### REPORTING ON GENERAL NUMBERS:



Independent Sector at Independentsector.org)

#### Fundraising 19% Fundraising 19% General & Admin 7% For every dollar donated .74 goes directly to Programs. We strive to put all your dollars toward our program each year. Pray for continued discernment in this effort. This year we have increased program spending using our donated dollars by 3% from last year.

EXPENSE Area	TOTAL Expense	% OF EXPENSE 2017/18
<b>Program Services</b>	\$163,664	74%
General & Admin	\$16,070	7%
Fundraising	\$42,917	19%
Total Expenses	\$222,65 I	100%

**Program Services:** includes all our services and costs for our teen parent, grandparent and children over 3 offices.

**General:** includes our general operating and overhead such as technology, **Fundraising:** includes any dollars used to help us raising awareness and funding such as golf event costs, Team THRIVE racing shirts and Sippy Cups.