

KINDRED LIFE ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,



Dear Friend,

What a year! We spent a lot of time reflecting and perfecting over the last twelve months. It's been a really exciting season. Kindred Life has always been an impactful ministry. Over the last 8 years, we have made a lasting impression on hundreds of lives. As a ministry partner, you have been part of transforming generations! Thank you! With the launch of our new website (be sure to check it out www.kindredlife.org), further development of our curriculum to better equip teen parents and an incredible staff and volunteer team, we are poised for growth this year. I am expectant that God will continue to do more than we could ask or imagine through the wonderful community of dedicated volunteers, financial supporters, staff and young clients and kids that make us Kindred Life.

-With Gratitude, Eliza LaBelle, Executive Director

SUCCESS STORY - COMING TOGETHER

One of our objectives at Kindred Life is to support our clients in their efforts to further their education. Nationally, fewer than 2% of teen moms complete college by age 30. Our clients are beating that statistic.

A Lake County client, Carla, had been working hard on her academic objectives with the support of her College of Lake County academic advisor, Emily Ciesil. Having overcome many personal obstacles, Carla dreams of becoming a Special Education Teacher. In one of their meetings, Carla shared about the encouragement and support she receives through Kindred Life. Impressed by the ministry and its work, Emily started a fundraising campaign for Kindred Life on Facebook for her birthday!



Soon thereafter, our counselors started to sense that more of our clients desired to continue their education but felt there were too many obstacles for them to move forward. Emily visited a Life Education Group Night to encourage clients in their next steps and help them to understand their options. Working with their mentor, each client set a next step goal and earned a special night out at Texas Roadhouse.

As Emily began to work with clients, it was clear! She had instantly become part of the family. Impressed by our clients and moved by our mission, she agreed to join Kindred Life as the Lake County counselor and is now a member of our team. What an asset to have all of her knowledge and skill available to our clients to encourage them as they continue to grow! Welcome, Emily! And, thank you, Carla, for spreading the word about Kindred Life in our community.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



DAKOTA

Kindred Life is indeed a community where every teen parent and their family thrives. Last year, we shared that depression was the pandemic within the pandemic. This year has been a beautiful turn around. As a ministry we continue to press on in recovering from the Covid pandemic. Our clients are too! They have been challenged in new and different ways and are overcoming. The theme among our offices this year was community. Our clients fought off isolation, fear and scarcity by learning to depend on and trust each other.

Through a client retreat that brought moms from Antioch and Gurnee into one Lake County office, the roots of our Kindred Life family grew deeper in relationship. Dakota, who typically has been reserved and self protective, has gained confidence as she found her voice. Through learning to trust others and herself, she has gained confidence in identifying and advocating for her needs. Motivated to provide a stable environment for her son and stand on her own two feet, Dakota moved into a safer apartment this year. We are celebrating the steps she is taking to reach her goals.



JUANA AND YESSICA

Two moms graduated from our Cook county office this year! Both Juana and Yessica grew in profound ways in their time with Kindred Life. They took courageous steps in personal healing, worked on developing communication skills, stepped out of their comfort zones and their relationships improved as a result. The office also celebrated with Yessica as she got married this spring. We are so proud of both of these beautiful women and all that they accomplished while a part of Kindred Life. We can't wait to see how they continue to grow and thrive in the years to come as part of our alumni community.

KINDRED LIFE - BY THE NUMBERS

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Kindred Life is committed to developing effective metrics and statistical record keeping systems to measure teen parents' goals. This data is meant to encourage growth, set attainable standards for the program curriculum and provide clear communication for our supporters:

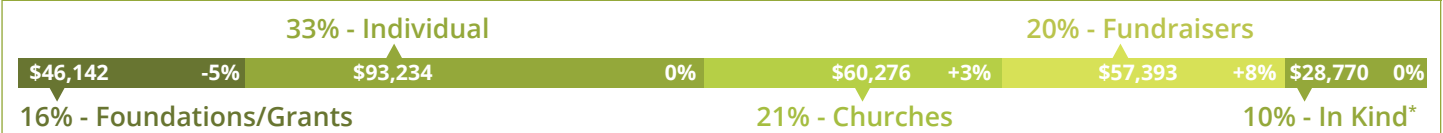
KINDRED LIFE CLIENTS MET:

97% OF THE BENCHMARKS FOR WORK AND/OR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
up +4%

85% OF THE BENCHMARKS FOR EMOTIONAL AND RELATIONAL HEALTH
up +4%

87% OF THE BENCHMARKS FOR GROWING IN THEIR ABILITY TO MANAGE THEIR PERSONAL FINANCES

TOTAL INCOME FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 - \$285,815



*In Kind is a type of charitable giving in which, instead of giving money to buy needed goods and services, the goods and services themselves are given.

MINISTRY BY THE NUMBERS:

53 CLIENTS SERVED
19 MOMS
4 DADS
17 KIDS
11 EXTENDED FAMILY

182 UNIQUE DONOR FAMILIES
49 NEW DONOR FAMILIES



SAVED \$62,026

Through volunteer hours
(At \$29.95 per hour, national rate by the Independent Sector at Indpendentsector.org)

2071
VOLUNTEER HOURS



70
INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS



STAFF HOURS EQUIVALENT TO **3.9** FTEs

STAFF+ VOLUNTEER HOURS EQUIVALENT TO **5.9** FTEs

*All Kindred Life staff are part time employees. FTE=Full-Time Equivalent.

NUMBER OF HOURS INVESTED DIRECTLY IN OUR CLIENTS **75** HRS PER CLIENT THIS YEAR

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

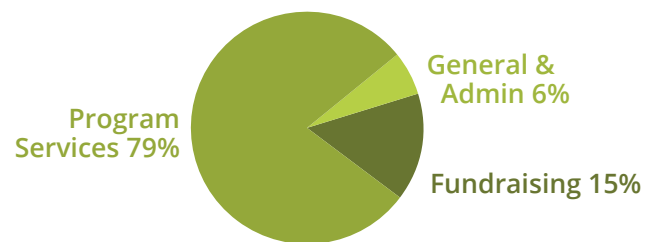
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LAKE COUNTY

Village Church of Gurnee
Program Director, Ashley Kolterman
Program Counselor, Kim Lurvey

EXPENSES:



For every dollar donated, **.79** goes directly to Programs. We strive to put all your dollars toward our program each year. Pray for continued discernment in this effort.

EXPENSE AREA	TOTAL EXPENSE	% OF EXPENSE 2020/2021
Program Services	\$171,803	79%
General & Admin	\$12,840	6%
Fundraising	\$32,774	15%
Total Expenses	\$217,417	100%

Program Services: includes all our services and costs for our teen parent, grandparent and children over 2 offices.

General: includes our general operating and overhead such as technology, insurance, and processing fees

Fundraising: includes any dollars used to help us raise awareness and funding such as golf event costs and Sippy Cups.

CORPORATE STAFF

Eliza LaBelle - Executive Director
Nikki Behler - Business Administrator
Beth Taylor - Outreach Director

Blake Allison - Communications Intern
Kim Lurvey - Supervising Therapist

COOK COUNTY

Our Saviour Evangelical Free Church
Program Director, Ashley Kolterman
Program Counselor, Paige Neuhaus