



2024 ANNUAL REPORT



Dear Faithful Partner,

I am truly honored to celebrate this past year with you. Can you believe it's already been ten years since the Lord placed it on our hearts to engage young fathers in our ministry? His faithfulness has carried us through each step of the way, and despite challenges, we have so much to celebrate from this past ministry year!

Here are the top 5 reasons we rejoice together:

- **Three sites in full operation again!** For the first time since Covid, Kindred Life is actively serving in Gurnee, Mundelein, and Wheeling.
- **Fathers stepping up!** This year, two dads joined Kindred Life independently of the teen moms, bringing our total to six dads served.
- **Faith and commitment!** In Gurnee, a teen mom and dad responded to their faith in Christ by choosing to marry—a beautiful testament to God's work in their lives.
- **Education milestones!** Three of our teen moms returned to school to pursue their high school equivalency diplomas.
- **A decade of ministry!** We joyfully celebrate 10 years of life-changing work, none of which would be possible without you.

Your faithful support has allowed us to nurture growth, build and strengthen relationships, and meet the needs of vulnerable teen parents and their children. Together, we are instilling hope, healing, and brighter futures.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for being a vital part of this journey.

With deepest gratitude,

Eliza LaBelle

Executive Director



In their words...

If you could sit with Kindred Life clients and hear their stories, you'd hear **courage, commitment and love**. They really are a miraculous bunch. Their stories are gritty, raw and beautiful. They are filled with hope.

"Kindred Life has really helped me learn a lot about parenting and life skills from all of our meetings. What I feel has impacted me most is the amazing community of people that can understand what I am going through. It's made a world of difference, especially on the days that I feel overwhelmed." ~ Mickey

"When I found out I was pregnant, I sat in a basement with my thoughts swirling in my mind. Wondering what I was going to do? How was this going to turn out? Kindred Life is my village." ~Molly

"I was not in the place I wanted to be in when I found out I was pregnant. I wanted to be in a stable, secure relationship. I had no one. Then I joined Kindred Life and this community is now my main support system. I can come and be me, share my troubles and everyone understands me" ~ Brooke





BY THE NUMBERS



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

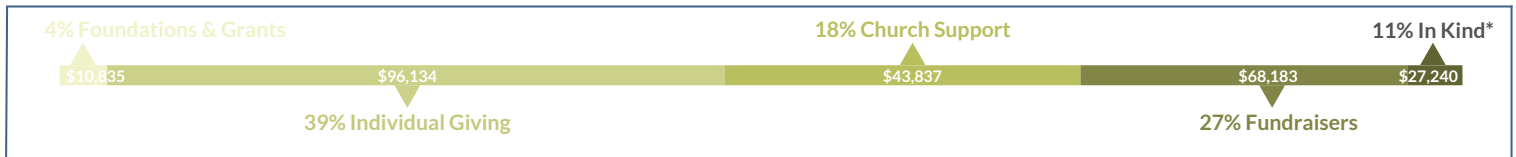
84% Met benchmarks for education or employment

6 Live independently in affordable housing

3 Teen moms pursued High School Equivalency Courses

1 Teen mom graduated after 4 years in Kindred Life

TOTAL INCOME FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024: \$247,775



*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

86 Clients served

29 Moms **8** Dads **25** Kids **11** Extended Family **13** Alumni

92 Individual Volunteers



2057 Volunteer Hours

Staff hours equivalent to **2.8** ftes



Staff hours & volunteer hours equivalent to **3.8** ftes

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



\$68,889 Saved with volunteer hours

At \$ 33.49 per hour, national rate by the Independent Sector at Independentsector.org

Time directly invested in each client this year **73** Hours per client this year

EXPENSES: \$238,248

| Expense Area | Total Expense |
|------------------|---------------|
| Program Services | \$180,074 |
| Fundraising | \$43,896 |
| General & Admin | \$15,278 |



- 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, insurance, and processing fees
- Fundraising:** includes any dollars used to help us raise awareness and funding such as golf event costs and Sippy Cups.

For every dollar donated .75 goes directly to Programs. We strive to put all your dollars toward our program each year. Pray for continued discernment in this effort.

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