



“Fostering safety, hope, and healing through advocacy, intervention and education.”

National Mentorship Month

January brought us **National Mentorship Month** – an opportunity to recognize all who selflessly share a gift of their time and compassion with a child enrolled in our Kinship Program. Through Kinship, LCRC establishes quality relationships between caring adult mentors and children in our community. Through the mentoring relationships, stability and support are founded and lasting friendships are formed.

Who can be a mentor? Kinship mentors are adults 18 years and older and may be single, married, a mother, father, grandparent, employed, or retired. They are anyone who recognizes the value and potential of our community's children and

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Reflections of Hope

Save the Date for LCRC's 27th Annual Banquet & Auction, Friday, March 31st at the Historic Holmes Theatre! Our dedicated committee of volunteers has been hard at work selecting tempting auction items,

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A Word From *LCRC*

Spotlight on Staff

Each quarter we will highlight an LCRC Staff Member. This quarter, get to know *Denielle Leland*.

What is your title at LCRC? Office Manager / Development Assistant

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want to help. As a result of the relationship and attention, we see children in Kinship experience growth in self-confidence and in turn, volunteers find themselves gaining far more than they give.



Who is a Kinship youth? A Kinship youth is a child between the ages of 5 and 16 who would benefit from having a special relationship with an adult committed to future generations. These children/youth are children that value friendship, affection, advice, guidance and meaningful adult companionship.

What are a few things Kinship mentors do?

- Help a child discover and develop his or her strengths
- Be a reliable and dependable friend
- Listen and offer emotional support to a child in a non-judgmental manner
- Share relevant experiences from their own life
- Establish trust and friendship
- Listen to and stand by a child through joys and frustrations
- Keep confidentiality

In recognition of National Mentor Month, LCRC hosted an event at DL Mountain so Mentors & Mentees could enjoy an afternoon of tubing and hot cocoa. We were fortunate to once again experience the gifts of these mentoring relationships and witness firsthand how the friendships have been fostered and positively impacted the children in the program. Thank you to all of our mentors who are committed to being a positive presence in the lives of youth. **Mentoring changes lives!**

Please visit our website to download the forms. www.lakescrisis.com/getinvolved/Kinship.

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planning exciting games, and booking entertainment for this wonderful evening. It's not too late to donate, please let us know if you have an item you would like to give!

Austin Bachmann from Bachmann Auctioneers will again serve as our emcee for the evening. Expect great food, fun, and socializing. Get those bidding paddle arms in shape; we have some excellent items for auction this year! In the past, our live auction has included trips, event packages including sporting events and autographed jerseys, multi-course dinners, concert tickets, and more! In addition, our silent auction lineup has items to suit every style and budget.

By attending, you'll be supporting the Lakes Crisis & Resource Center and the programs and services it provides to our community 365 days a year. It's also a chance to get together and socialize with those who share in your generous, philanthropic spirit. Enjoy a wonderful meal, entertainment & games, while browsing live & silent auction items from local donors! Get your friends and family together and join us on **Friday, March 31st!** Tickets are \$60 or you can sponsor a table of eight for \$600 or four for \$400 and enjoy reserved seating. The silent auction and social hour begin at 5:30 pm followed by dinner and the live auction. Tickets can be purchased by contacting an LCRC Board Member, any LCRC staff, or Annual Banquet Committee member. You can reach our office at: **218-847-8572** to purchase over the phone.

If you can't attend our banquet but would like to support the Crisis Center and help us achieve our mission, donations can be mailed to our office at **PO Box 394, Detroit Lakes, MN 56502!**



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What does that entail? I receive donations, update our donor database, help with fundraising projects, work on the Annual Banquet committee, get the bills paid, do bank deposits, help with computer problems, and anything else that might come up during the day.

How long have you been with LCRC? I have been here since January 2015.

What is the most rewarding part of your job? Working with a bunch of sincere, caring, and wonderful women who are like a family to me.

What is the most challenging part of your job? Trying to get everything done every day.

What is your background? I grew up in the Audubon/Detroit Lakes area and went to college at Minnesota State University Moorhead for Graphic Communications with an emphasis in Multimedia. I moved around between Fargo/West Fargo/Valley City and finally settled in Hawley. Fun fact - I used to work at Disney World.

What is your dream vacation? I would love to go to New Zealand.

What is your favorite food? Steak and shrimp.

Who is the most influential person(s) in your life? My mom. She was a very patient, caring person with a heart of gold. Even though she was sick most of her life, she had the most positive attitude.

What brought you to LCRC? My desire to help others.

What is your favorite movie? Toy Story.

Do you have a favorite childhood memory? Yes. On weekends we would go visit my grandparents in a little town of Holt, MN. We would stop in Thief River Falls for a bucket of chicken from KFC. It was the longest 15 minute ride of our lives – smelling the chicken and wanting so bad to eat just one piece. Now every time I see a bucket of KFC I think of family time.

Lakes Area *Kinship*



If you would like to share your wisdom and yourself with a child in need or would like more information on **Kinship**, please contact Ashlie by calling 218-847-8572.



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 9th

Giving Hearts Day. A 24 hour online giving event at impactgiveback.org. Donations made to LCRC were matched up to **\$12,000** this year! As a result of excellent community support, we raised **\$27,693**. Thank you to all who generously donated and believe in the work we do!

March 31st

Our 27th Annual Banquet & Auction. The event will be held at the Holmes Theatre Ballroom. Tickets and table sponsorships are available!

August 10th

The 4th Annual Lakes Area Auction at the Kent Freeman Arena. Donations of furniture, new and gently used electronics, sporting goods, and antiques are currently being accepted to help us raise money to support our programs and services.