

# Kinship Newsletter

APRIL 2024

## NO FOOLIN' AROUND

**It's no joke - we're big fans of mentoring.**

**And chances are, because you're reading this newsletter, you are too.**

I've been at this for just over six years now, and I still never get tired of hearing the stories and seeing the photos you share with us when we do our check ins - or sometimes even just because something cool happened or there was some sort of breakthrough in your relationship. And yes, we want to hear the stories about the struggles too - you'd be amazed how much we as directors can learn from the things that didn't work so we can help the next match avoid the same struggle if possible.

So please - never stop telling the stories. Never stop sending the photos.

It's the little things that make the biggest impact. ❤️

## CONSERVATION FOCUSED



We were fortunate to receive a grant from the Fox Lake Conservation Club (Thanks SO MUCH for the generosity!) so we can do some cool conservation-focused activities this Spring/Summer! Some of you might remember building bird houses last year and doing our landscaping at Kinship to make the house look awesome when people come by! We have a few ideas - even for open hours this month - so stay tuned to see what opportunities we'll have available for you!

## OPEN HOURS IN APRIL

**April 4th**

NO OPEN HOURS

**April 11th - 4:30-6:30 @ Kinship House**

Open hours with Courtney!

**April 18th - 4:30-6:30 @ Kinship House**

Open hours with Jen!

**April 25th - 5-7pm**

Bonus open hours with Katy

2326 40th St., Fairmont

Plant trees, play with animals, have a meal together and make s'mores!

## LOOKING AHEAD!

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23 - LION'S FLY-IN BREAKFAST**

**TUESDAY, JULY 9TH**

**KINSHIP PICNIC - LOCATION TBD**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 17 - 4H HORSEBACK RIDE**



# APRIL MATCHIVERSARIES

**HANNAH AND HAILEY - 2 YEARS**  
**MARICIO AND DOUG - 1 YEAR**

# LOCAL OFFERINGS!

## Join us for **CreativiTEA PARTY**

Saturday, April 6th, 2024  
9am-11am @ Red Rock Center

Presented by Fairmont Women of Today

Suggested donation is \$25 adult/child pair and \$5 every additional child. All proceeds will be donated to backpack program.



# SPRING REFRESH

I feel like it's around this time that I start to get a second wind (after the motivation the new year brings has worn off), and I want to do all the things and get organized and put my best foot forward.

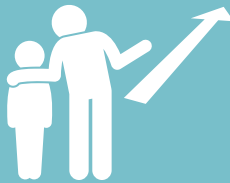
Just in case that's true of you, too, here is a collection of great resources from MENTOR that you can either listen to, download, or watch. There are 12 different 'chapters' on all kinds of different topics that relate to mentoring. You could even make a plan to go through one a month! (copy and paste)  
<https://www.mentoring.org/resource/becoming-a-better-mentor/>

**^^ DON'T LET COST BE A FACTOR - WE WANT EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND. REACH OUT IF YOU'RE INTERESTED!**

**MINI GOLF**  
*Through The Library*

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 | FAIRMONT LIBRARY  
10 AM TO 1:30 PM

**^^ ALL AGES WELCOME - FREE TO ATTEND!! ^^**



We've been working on getting our PERKS list updated for the year and we're happy to announce that we're really close! Our new office administrator Sharon has been busy at work calling all of the businesses and organizations that provide our PERKS to make sure we're good to go! We're also working on some fun stickers that will be displayed at some of our providers - keep an eye out for the logo to the right, which in addition to letting you know you're in the right place - will also provide a link right to our website so others can learn about Kinship! To see the updated list, go here (may need to copy/paste):  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Xgld7i9ApzgbCOMp58Th7vhmOPeH0tG4CFAdV3GhHRg/edit>



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