

# CONNECTIONS

Connecting Employees to Information & Inspiration

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## 3rd Annual Women's Empowerment Luncheon

Sat., Sept. 28, 2019 11:30 am–1:30 pm

Maranatha Assembly of God  
24799 Forest Blvd., Forest Lake

Join us in celebrating the comradery and empowerment of women across East Central MN and Western WI, while raising money to end the violence in the lives of our neighbors.

Our featured keynote speaker is local music artist Kat Perkins. Kat competed on season 6 of NBC's *The Voice* and finished as a Top 4 finalist. She has performed worldwide in over 10 countries and almost all 50 states, sharing her message of being fearless and inspiring others through the power of music. She is a nationally recognized motivational speaker, world-touring entertainer, humanitarian and founder of her own non-profit organization.



### Be a Table Captain & Bring Friends!

Table Captains are the backbone of the annual Women's Empowerment Luncheon. They drive attendance, spread the message of what Family Pathways does for the community and raise funds to make the programs possible. It's an easy way to help empower women...simply invite 7 others—family, friends, neighbors— to share your table with you. Follow this [link](#) to find helpful tips and info to Captain a table. Register now at [FamilyPathways.org](http://FamilyPathways.org) or by calling (651) 674-8040. There is no charge to attend. Ages 15 and older are welcome.

## Strategy Matters

Every Voice. Every Possibility. Every Day.

### Family Pathways new strategic direction gets approved and hits the ground running

We are excited to announce that as of July, Family Pathways' new three-year strategic plan that was started late 2018 has Board approval! This strategy embraces a robust framework of 5 goals and objectives along with newly updated mission and vision statements that are modern, current, and person-centered.

We will begin our internal implementation planning process that includes staff in July and August. Come September and October we launch a grassroots unveiling for our client community, generous funders, committed supporters, peer organizations, community partners and the general public.

With this will come a new organizational brand, including a new logo, that will assist us in strengthening our position and give focus to our future.



From Lisa Mears,  
Chief Executive Officer



## Family Pathways is Hosting New Event for the Community

### PHIL CHALMERS' TRAINING:

#### Prepare, Prevent & Respond

TV Personality, True Crime Writer, Law Enforcement Trainer,  
Youth Culture Specialist

Thurs, Aug 22 | 8 am-noon

Braham Event Center | 655 8th St SW, Braham

\$25 | Limited seating

#### LEARN ABOUT:

- Why school shootings happen
- Causes, warning signs, triggers of mass shootings
- How to stop school shooters and mass murderers from attacking your school, church, or business
- Dangerous youth culture

Due to sensitive material, must be 18 years to attend.  
To [register](#) or for more information go to [FamilyPathways.org](#)



**“I live in a small town where everyone knows my name... but I still feel alone.”**

—Katie, 13 years old

Join us on September 17 from 3-6pm at the North Branch Administrative Office for a **Commit to Kids open house!** Learn more about issues effecting youth in our area, drop off a donation, hear from teens and staff, and view artwork made by local youth.

Watch for more details as this campaign rolls out!

## Family Pathways is Looking for Superheroes in Our Community

A new **Commit to Kids fundraising campaign in September** is all about supporting our local youth

**T**ogether with community members, Family Pathways' staff and volunteers work tirelessly to let children and teens know we see them, care about them and provide opportunities for them to thrive. Plans are in place to raise money for youth in our region with a day of giving on **September 17**. Many youth living in our rural area struggle with access to opportunities, well-being and good health. This campaign is an investment in the services we provide for youth who experience challenging circumstances, including:

- Teen Centers that provide career development, life skills & mentorship
- Year-round food programs offering healthy nutrition to kids, 32% of food shelf clients
- Safe and positive supervised visitation connecting kids to their parents
- Emergency shelter from domestic violence

**Share the news about this exciting COMMIT TO KIDS campaign!** Donors will be able to make a direct impact on young people's lives and contribute to the vitality of our region for years to come.

**Here's how it will work:** Supporters are encouraged to start their own fundraiser for this amazing cause by collecting donations from family and friends, donating online at [FamilyPathways.org](#) or through Facebook, donating in person by attending our open house at the Admin Office, or by calling 651.674.8040 with a credit card.

