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**BARN BASH
2021 SUCCESS**

Our first ever Virtual Barn Bash was a great event - thanks to everyone who joined us!

**COMMUNITY
RECOGNITION**

We're thrilled to share some of the new ways that Family Pathways is being recognized and supported

**FAMILY
GATHERINGS**

This summer, we hope you'll join us for a new series of events offering an inside look at Family Pathways and more

**THIS SUMMER,
COMMIT TO KIDS**

Did you know that Family Pathways programs and services support more than 6,500 local kids every year?

From providing food to supervising visits with separated parents to offering shelter from violence, our work - with your support- makes a difference in the lives of kids in our community. This summer, (continued on page 3)





ALYSSA'S STORY

Alyssa was terrified that Dad would find them. At just 10 years old, she is the oldest of 5 children that arrived at the food shelf with their mother. They had been in hiding for a month, trying to escape her abusive father, but were forced to come to the food shelf because they didn't have anything left to eat. Alyssa was shaking when she came into the food shelf - she didn't want Dad to find out where they were. Family Pathways loaded their car up with enough food for the six of them, including lots of fresh fruit and items that didn't need refrigeration. The staff and volunteers put Alyssa's mom in touch with our Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services advocates, who helped the family to find shelter, make a plan, and find permanent safety and peace.

Alyssa's story is, unfortunately, not uncommon. In our region, 36% of children 18 years and younger are eligible for the free and reduced lunch program, 9% live in households where there is drug or alcohol abuse, and 16% have experienced physical or emotional abuse.

Family Pathways is here to support Alyssa and kids like her - with your help. It's easy to show kids you care and that you are committed to helping them find a brighter future. Go to FamilyPathways.org/commit-to-kids for more information.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship, call Family Pathways Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services

24-Hour Crisis Hotline
1 (800) 338-SAFE (7233)

FAMILY PATHWAYS NAMED NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR

We are thrilled to share that Family Pathways was named Nonprofit of the Year by the Forest Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. This annual award is given to a nonprofit that consistently delivers on their mission to the community, supports the local business community, and embodies good organizational citizenship. We are honored to have been selected as the 2020 recipient.

NEW! MYWALGREENS DONATION PROGRAM RECIPIENT

When you're signed up for myWalgreens Rewards, you can make an impact by donating the value of your Walgreens Cash rewards to causes you care about, including Family Pathways!

FAMILY PATHWAYS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Established in 2020, the Family Pathways Scholarship seeks to amplify the voices of Black students in our communities through the possibilities of education.

Applications for the scholarship closed on June 1st, and the award recipient will be notified by June 15th. Thank you to all the applicants and to the donors who designated gifts for this new program.



COMMIT TO KIDS

(Continued from page 1)... join Family Pathways in supporting kids in need in our community. Many young people living in rural areas and small towns struggle with access to opportunities, well-being and good health. At Family Pathways we strive to let local youth know that we see them, we care about them and that providing opportunities for them to thrive is one of our top priorities. On August 31st, we will be hosting a 24-hour digital event to raise money in support of the services that ensure our local youth are healthy, safe, and well. Commit to Kids Giving Day is an investment in the services Family Pathways provides for youth in East Central MN and Western WI. Can't wait till August 31? There are lots of ways to Commit to Kids throughout the summer too!

- Raise money for local kids by setting up your own Peer-to-Peer fundraiser - we'll even provide you with your own personalized donation page!
- Attend a Family Gatherings event this summer
- Buy a Backpack through the Commit to Kids page on our website

Check out FamilyPathways.org for more information on all these opportunities and Giving Day August 31, 2021


Thank You!
WE COULDN'T HAVE
DONE IT WITHOUT YOU

Thank you for joining us for our first ever virtual Barn Bash! We loved spending the hour with you sharing stories of the impact your support has made - and having a bit of fun along the way.

Thanks to your stunning generosity, we met and surpassed our fundraising goal of \$20,000. We cannot thank you enough for your support - it is YOU making the difference in our community. We can't wait to see you in person next year!

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WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT LUNCHEON

SAVE THE DATE

November 6, 2021

Maranatha Assembly of God
24799 Forest Blvd., Forest Lake

HOPE IS A GAME CHANGER Featuring Junita Flowers

Keynote Speaker



Through the power of story sharing, Junita will take you on an inspirational journey filled with hope, courage, a few risks and definitely some missteps, as a part of her process of clarifying, embracing and leaning into the life changing power of living life guided by purpose and intention...and it all began with hope.

FAMILY GATHERINGS

An Inside Look at Family Pathways

June 23, July 21, August 18
5:30pm - 8:00pm

Join us for three free community social events this summer and meet your neighbors! Whether you're a supporter, a client or a member of the community, stop by to learn about how Family Pathways enhances lives.

- Tour a food shelf
- Get an inside look at all the Family Pathways services
- Meet our new Executive Director and program staff
- Bring a lawn chair and enjoy a free concert by The Skally Line
- Help us fill 500 backpacks by Labor Day! Bring or drop off new, unused school supplies to the event.



For locations and more information, visit our Facebook page or FamilyPathways.org



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or online at
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