

REFLECTIONS

Family Pathways Volunteer Quarterly Newsletter



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The Reflections Newsletter is a quarterly publication for all volunteers and the community. Its purpose is to inform readers about upcoming volunteer opportunities and appreciation.



Message from Volunteer Manager

Family Pathway's mission is to work alongside people to enhance lives through a continuum of essential services and – together with the community – champion positive social change. You played a key role and were there for our clients giving them hope and stability. If you are currently volunteering, thank you for your continued support.

This last year many of our volunteers had to step away due to the pandemic. With the lifting of Covid restrictions, our programs need volunteers. One of our volunteers said, "I was a volunteer for years at the food shelf and had to step away during the pandemic. I'm excited to finally be able to give back to my community and help volunteer again."

If you know of anyone that would be interested, please visit our website www.familypathways.org/volunteer for more information or to complete the application.

Thank you for being a part of our volunteer family and for making a difference in our community.

Brooke Zank

Spotlight Recognition



Meet our Board Member: Jason Gamble, VP MidWest One

How long have you been a board member with Family Pathways?

I have been a board member and a member of the finance committee at Family Pathways for a year and a half now, I've been a supporter for well over a decade.

What is your background?

I've spent my entire life in Minnesota; at a young age my family lived in a small cabin in a rural area near the East Central border of the state. After my parents divorced, my mother raised my brother and I in the Southern metro area. I graduated from Apple Valley High School and went on to attend the University of Minnesota as the only member in my immediate family to attend college – something I am eternally grateful for. I have since worked in banking and finance for 25 years, primarily lending to small business and staying involved in the Chisago Lakes Area community where my family and I have called home since 1998. My wife Jennifer and I are celebrating 24 years of marriage this year and we are proud parents to our three children who range in age from 21 to 9 years old.

What makes our organization's mission powerful for you?

In my lifetime I've experienced both sides of at least one of the gaps each community continually faces – that perspective has driven me to try and help close these gaps by remaining involved where I can make a difference. Family Pathways is among the most difference-making organizations I've been fortunate enough to serve.



Connie Jensen has been with the Door-step Delivery program since November 2020. She started to volunteer because it brings people joy and loves to interact with the seniors she meets. She said that many of the clients get excited when they see her.



Ken Anderson from the Pine City Community Food Shelf put in 1,583 hours of volunteer time, more than any other volunteers in 2020.

Ken didn't miss a single day, even during Covid. He is hardworking, kind, conscientious and can always make us laugh.

Volunteer Updates

Mark your calendars for these upcoming Family Pathways happenings!



**FAMILY
GATHERINGS**

An Inside Look at Family Pathways

5:30-7:30pm

July 21 - 2000 US Hwy 8, St Croix Falls, WI

August 18 - 1575 1st Ave E, Cambridge, MN



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

Giving Day August 31

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.

Host a Food and Fund Drive

Anytime Year-Round!

YOU and your group become a circle of support for a family in crisis by collecting food and financial donations. The gifts you collect will be used to provide essential services and stock Family Pathways' 9 food shelves across East Central MN and Western WI. Family Pathways works alongside Food & Fund Drive Hosts providing support materials and overall moral support!



WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT LUNCHEON

HOPE IS A GAME CHANGER

Featuring Junita Flowers

November 6, 2021

11:30am-1:30pm

Maranatha Assembly of God
24799 Forest Blvd., Forest Lake



Volunteers come from all walks of life, backgrounds, service groups, businesses, youth groups, and educational systems. Some are brought to our agency through the court system to complete community service hours. We strive to provide everyone with an opportunity to contribute.