

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

We have focused on our back-to-school programs and students that help us during the school year. Last year we had over 200 students volunteer from high schools, colleges, and transition work programs.

I spoke with one of our student volunteers that helps at the thrift store. She said she enjoys volunteering because she is learning more about what it would be like working one day. "My parents wanted me to get involved and give back to get experience. It has been so nice to learn what goes on in the stores."

If you know of any other youth or students who need to complete service-learning hours. Please have them visit www.familypathways.org/volunteer.

Thank you!

Brooke Z.

Brooke Zank | Volunteer Manager



Spotlight Recognition

Meet our Board Member



Kathy George, Secretary, City Administrator, Sandstone

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

I joined the Board in January, 2020.

What is your background?

I have worked in the field of City Administration for the past 27 years and currently serve as the City Administrator for the City of Sandstone. I live in Aitkin with my husband and have two grown sons and two beautiful granddaughters.

What do you like most about being part of the board?

I support the mission of Family Pathways to work alongside people to enhance lives through a continuum of essential services. It is inspiring to me to learn about all of the fantastic programs offered by Family Pathways, and I am blown away by the superb staff who work tirelessly to expend their time, talents, and treasures so that other people's lives can be improved, or sometimes, just made more bearable. I am proud of being associated with Family Pathways, standing in the gap and making a difference. I also LOVE shopping at the Family Pathways Thrift Stores.

Max Kraning, Sunshine Calls

Max is one of our newest volunteers for sunshine calls. He chooses to volunteer for sunshine calls so he can help without being face to face since COVID is still going around. He has made a difference in his callers' lives since receiving them.

Max is a retired school teacher, so he is a great listener and very empathic.



Spotlight Winner Food Access

Jan Fleming has been helping in Pine City since 2019. Jan has done over 800 hours so far this year! We appreciate all she does for our clients!



Spotlight Winner Thrift Stores

Lee Ann Beach volunteers at the Pine City location. She has been with us for 12 years. She is always willing to help out and keeps a positive attitude.



The church youth group did a day of service at the Forest Lake Thrift Store. "We love giving back to the community and helping out Family Pathways."

Volunteer Updates

Volunteer Opportunities

We are currently looking for volunteers in the following programs:

- Main office: Facilities and Events Support
- Thrift Stores: Princeton, Hinckley, Forest Lake, and Chisago Processing Center
- Food Shelves: Onamia, Sandstone, Pine City, and Mobile Food Truck
- Door-step Delivery: Pine City, Mora, Ogilvie area, and now in Wisconsin
- Sunshine Calls
- Service Group Events: all thrift stores, food shelves and shelter

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT LUNCHEON NEW DATE! November 13, 2022 @ 1:00 PM

This inspiring event brings together women from all walks of life to celebrate one another and make a difference. This annual fundraising event supports Family Pathways Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Services.

Doors open and Registration at 1:00pm

Program begins at 1:30pm

The Uncommon Loon Brewing Company Event Center 10825 Lake Blvd, Chisago City 55013

Thrift Store Sales and Events

- Fall BOOtique is going on now at each of our 10 locations. Find Halloween costumes and decorations, as well as décor and home goods to celebrate all things autumn. We're also rolling out sweaters, outerwear and everything you need to greet the changing temperatures.
- Mistletoe Mania kicks off the first week of November. You'll find holiday décor, Christmas trees, holiday apparel, gift items and so much more. New items will be added daily, so check back often.
- Veteran's Sale is November 11. You can save 25% off storewide; white tag merchandise excluded.
- On Black Friday, you'll score triple Pathways Perks on all purchases of \$15 or more.
- Holiday Road Trip will be December 2-11. The more locations you visit, the more you'll save – up to 50% off! White tag merchandise is included in this sale.

Food & Fund Drive

As we head into the holiday season, many businesses, churches, and civic will be hosting community drives to collect food and funds for Family Pathways' clients. A Food & Fund Drive Host Toolkit, complete with a how-to guide and flyers/posters, can be found at FamilyPathways.org/Host-a-Food-and-Fund-Drive.



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.