

# FamilyWise Spring News



## Come grow with us!

It's been three years since our merger and we're happy to report that FamilyWise is growing stronger every day... **thanks to you!**

## Because of you...

We were able to help **665 more people** last year to lead stable, healthy and productive lives. Many of these children and their families are living in poverty with a history of substance abuse, mental health issues, homelessness and family violence.

**Our programs vary**, but the end result is the same: we take complex problems that affect families and work **with them** to create solutions that will sustain them throughout their lives.

## Upcoming Events



### SAVE THE DATE!

#### Fall FriendRaiser

October 19, 5-7 p.m.  
Surly Brewing Co.  
(music by Noisy Withdrawl)

#### Mentor Social

April 20, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Minneapolis FamilyWise

#### Comcast Day of Service

April 25, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Minneapolis FamilyWise

#### Appreciation Celebration

April 30, 6-8 p.m.  
Minneapolis FamilyWise

#### Volunteer! Read to a Child Day

May 1, 10-noon  
First Step, Minneapolis FamilyWise

#### Volunteer Orientation

May 4, 4-5:30 p.m.  
Minneapolis FamilyWise

#### Daugherty Day of Service

May 16, Minneapolis FamilyWise

#### Keep Kids Safe Golf Classic

June 16, 10 a.m.

## The Daugherty Story



When Daugherty Business Solutions was looking to “adopt” a nonprofit,

they looked for a local organization that helps children in poverty and selected FamilyWise. A St. Louis-based consulting firm with a branch in Minneapolis, Daugherty had never “adopted” a nonprofit before and FamilyWise had never officially been “adopted” by a business. **What has happened is miraculous.**

Since October, Daugherty has:

- Purchased gifts for 200 clients during our Adopt-a-Family holiday campaign
- Donated nearly \$1,000 for facility and playground upgrades
- Conducted a book and game drive that brought in hundreds of items
- Ran a social media blitz to increase awareness of FamilyWise
- Helped us with business planning, phone system analysis and the list goes on and on!

**Come partner with us!** We make it easy for your company to be “socially responsible” and work with you to engage employees in volunteering, donation drives and much more. Contact Annie at 612.877.7849 or [ALewis@FamilyWiseServices.org](mailto:ALewis@FamilyWiseServices.org)

## Become a mentor, change a life.

Are you interested in making a lasting difference in the life of a new young mom? We need 15 women to become volunteer mentors. No experience needed, training provided. Mentors and moms matched by location. Call 612.877.7826 or email [Volunteer@FamilyWiseServices.org](mailto:Volunteer@FamilyWiseServices.org).

Give the easy way.



Do you shop on Amazon? Designate FamilyWise to

receive a donation based on a percentage of your purchase! Just go to **Smile.Amazon.com** and shop as you normally would. Amazon directs 0.5% towards a charity of your choice. Please make FamilyWise your charity of choice and “shop ‘til you drop!”

### Golf for a GREAT cause and Keep Kids Safe!

**Tuesday, June 16 (10 a.m. start)**  
**StoneRidge Golf Club**

For only \$100, you'll get:

- 18 holes of golf (with cart) at one of the premiere clubs in the area
- Brunch, food and Surly beer at the holes, burger/brat buffet after golfing

**Register now at**

[Golf@FamilyWiseServices.org](mailto:Golf@FamilyWiseServices.org)



### We love our fans!

Tell your friends and family about FamilyWise! Please follow us on Twitter @FamilyWiseServ or LinkedIn and “like” us at Facebook.com/FamilyWiseServices.

**You can make a lasting difference** in the lives of children and families by volunteering, whether you have a few days a week or a few hours. Call 612.877.7826 or email our Volunteer Coordinator at [Volunteer@FamilyWiseServices.org](mailto:Volunteer@FamilyWiseServices.org) to get started!

### You're invited to our Appreciation Celebration!

Join us for a very special evening as we honor those who have made a lasting difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.

**Thursday, April 30**

**6-7 p.m. - Social hour reception, tours**

**7 p.m. - Program**

**FamilyWise Minneapolis**

- **Community Partner of the Year:**  
Adler Graduate School
- **Volunteer of the Year:**  
Church of the Open Door
- **George Kressin Internship Award:**  
Ben Twogood
- **Lifetime Achievement Award:**  
Arlene Nystuen

Visit **FamilyWiseServices.org** to RSVP or find out more!

### What happened today?

- 38 families received hands-on parenting support both in our offices and at homes out in the community.
- 20 children learned about *The Feelings Wheel* and how to identify and express their emotions through vocabulary/art.
- 48 books were donated

### Our Board of Directors

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