



Kemmerer Village

Supporting children & families since 1914



A World of Good- From the Ukraine to KV



A young child seeking refuge from the war in Ukraine recently visited her grandmother in Assumption. During her visit, she participated in our equine facilitated program *Horses & Heroes*.

The generous partnership with the Benevolent Order of the Elks made this experience possible. The six-year-old expressed joy being with the horses. She loved the outdoors which she described as being like a "park" in Ukraine. She had

been through so much; She was struggling with challenges in a new country including a difficult language barrier. It was a tremendous blessing to

watch her move from blank stares, and clinging to her grandmother, to a relaxed smile while petting "her" horse.

She only stayed a few weeks before being able to return to her mother. Thankfully her family found refuge together. This global story is just one of the incredible moments that donations help here at Kemmerer Village.



Raven Needs a New Sponsor!

Raven's current sponsorship ends in January and she needs a new sponsor! For \$100 a month, your support would provide everything Raven needs, and allow her to help so many children!

Raven is truly exceptional. She is our first pick for any child who wants to ride but is feeling scared and for children with physical challenges.

KV KIDS BIRTHDAYS

Girls:
Mia G. 11/21/09
Grace S. 2/23/05

Boys:
Jeremy M. 12/3/08
Robert L. 1/30/10
Ayden Rigg 3/21/09



Celebrating the children in care whose names we can not share Birthdays:

October— 8 children
November— 12 children
December— 19 children
January— 16 children
February— 16 children
March— 9 children

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The Executive Director's Perspective



"When I was a boy I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

- Fred Rogers

Everyday we can become overwhelmed with 'scary things'. It is easy to feel drawn into feelings of despair and hopelessness as we watch the news or scroll social media. Fred Roger's mother's guidance to 'look for the helpers' helps us refocus as we bear witness to our times.

When I tell people I work with Kemmerer Village, I often hear, 'I bet you hear such sad stories. How have you stayed so long?' I stay with Kemmerer Village because I can always, always find our helpers. I am here because the work we do outshines the 'scary things'.

The power of our help is measured in many ways. I know we are providing quality services by the warm reactions of our community as we walked in the Pana Labor Day Parade. Our high ratings on statewide Foster Care measures tells me we are performing well. I know our help is working when I hear praise from parents of Residential Treatment kids or Camp Carew children.

As I meet with each new employee, volunteer or intern of Kemmerer Village, I warn them that there will be very hard days. There will be days that they doubt their effectiveness. I stress, even on the days they experience these doubts, they are making a difference. Their efforts to support our children and families demonstrate everyone is worthy of help. Our children and families are experiencing unbelievable stress and trauma, scary things. They are looking for the helpers. We are here, at Kemmerer Village.

In 2022, we reached out to our church partners, our donors and our local communities. Your response has been wonderful. Kemmerer Village speakers have increased awareness of our quality programs across Illinois. As we close 2022 and move into 2023, we are looking for more opportunities to reach you. Visit our website www.kemmerervillage.org, or call 217-226-2130 to schedule a presentation or a tour for your group. I want to be sure that when you look for the helpers, you see Kemmerer Village.

Schäles Nagle
Executive Director

Meet The Village

Hello! My name is Haley and I am a Community Services Intern at Kemmerer Village through the University of Illinois Springfield Graduate Public Service Internship (GPSI) program. I am a first-year student pursuing a master's degree in human development counseling on the school counseling track. I believe that the knowledge and skills I am gaining through this internship will translate into the skillset I will need as a school counselor working with students, their families, and internal and external stakeholders. The work that Kemmerer Village does appeals strongly to my personal values, and I enjoy working in an environment operating on empathy, genuineness, and competence. I have been able to form positive and meaningful relationships with my coworkers, and the mentorship I am receiving is beyond what I could have hoped for in any GPSI placement. Everyone has gone out of their way to make me feel welcome, and I absolutely love the extra benefits I receive through this placement such as free meals, vehicle usage for work matters, and housing (if applicable) among other things. The sense of community among the staff is something I felt immediately during my initial GPSI interview, and it is exciting to work somewhere that has employees who stay for a very long time as it speaks to the work environment cultivated here. As an intern, I feel I am treated no differently than an employee and I have the same opportunities to achieve various licensures and trainings which might not be afforded to me in an alternate setting. Overall, I feel like I have been able to thrive in my role as a Community Services Intern, and I genuinely believe there is no other GPSI placement I could have benefitted so strongly from as a graduate student."



KV Kids are Champions



Kemmerer Village sports are about so much more than athletics. Our teams consistently show the true spirit of sportsmanship by playing hard, working hard and not giving up. This soccer season, Kemmerer kids were feeling a little intimidated due to the size and strength of the other teams' players. Our children showed the resilience Kemmerer strives for! Our kids did not let fear stop them from using teamwork, skill, and hustle to overcome obstacles. These opportunities on the field will translate into the self-confidence, and courage that these children will carry with them always.





Our Village celebrates Adoptions!



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My Journey Mentoring

By Amie Sparks

One spring day, as I was walking across campus, I met a beautiful young lady, with long dark hair and a smile so big it made her eyes squint.

We talked for a couple of minutes, and I honestly felt an instant

connection with her. A couple of weeks later, our Volunteer & Project Coordinator, Jan Traughber, reached out to me. My mentorship application had been processed and I had been matched up with that same smiling face, Arianna. We shared an interest in baking and agreed to meet for a couple of hours, weekly to try our hands at some different recipes.

I had never been a mentor before. I was a little nervous, and unsure of what I could offer. Arianna made it easy. We continued baking together for a year and a half and even created a recipe scrapbook for her. The delicious food we prepared was amazing, and we always enjoyed our time together. It really was just something we could do while talking about life.

One year into our relationship, after talking it over with her therapist, I shared some of my life experiences with her. I explained that it was a conscious decision I made years ago to not let negative experiences define me. I faced each day with that attitude and eventually, it just became who I am. Charles R. Swindoll's message "Life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it" plays in my head routinely. Arianna decided she too could have a good life and forged ahead with a positive attitude and a plan to use the tools & skills she gained at Kemmerer to help her do just that.

As her time at Kemmerer was coming to an end, we talked about what she was looking forward to, along with what she was still a little nervous about. We discussed having FAITH; in God, in herself, in her family, and in the skills, she had learned. Together we selected bracelets with the word FAITH engraved on them, to wear as a daily reminder. Arianna returned to her family home in late July. They were able to enjoy a wonderful, multi-generation family vacation together before the summer ended. She is enrolled in her local school and is participating in soccer. We remain in contact, and it is always lovely to hear about all her successes. The joy in her voice and the smile on her face are the only reminders I need of how important our mission at Kemmerer Village is.

If you are interested in experiencing the lasting joy of our Kemmerer Village Mentor Program please email jan.traughber@kv.christian.k12.il.us



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*A Memorial or Honor Gift to Kemmerer Village is a way to express love & respect.
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The name of the one being honored or remembered is in bold type; the donor is in regular type.*

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"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service to others." - Mahatma Gandhi



BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Kemmerer Village celebrated the new school year by hosting a campus full of children from our residential and foster care programs. Staff and community members volunteered to run games and serve treats. Executive Director Schäles Nagle, and Therapist Supervisor Miranda Malone made a splash in the dunk tank. Our Village was also able to provide a meal, school supplies and prizes to these families. We sincerely applaud the volunteers and donors who make these smiles possible.





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Consider coming to our Ladies Auxiliary Meeting!

No pressure or obligation, just free lunch, devotional and fellowship served with an inside scoop on the ways we are helping the children and families of our Village.

Join us at 10 a.m.

- November 2, 2022**
- March 1, 2023**
- May 3, 2023**
- September 6, 2023**



Save THE DATE

For more information or an agenda call 217-226-2130



The spirit of Christmas lasts all year at KV

We are still enjoying fall at Kemmerer Village and looking forward to Thanksgiving. However, Christmas is a big undertaking, with nearly 200 children in care it takes all year to prepare. If you are interested in helping share the love of Christ this holiday season please reach out on Facebook, email at autumn.warren@kv.christian.k12.il.us or give me call at 217-226-2131.

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