



Growing
Kinship Connection

FAMILY RISE TOGETHER

IMPACT
STATEMENT
2021



INTRODUCTION/OVERVIEW

Welcome to our 2021 impact statement.

We are Family Rise Together and we are dedicated to our community.

Our efforts strive to grow our community, to be strong and vibrant.

We develop real solutions to our daily issues and overarching concerns.

The past year, 2021, has been dramatic, full of challenges, (on every level) and full of positive growth.

The following 3 points will be explored in the pages to follow.

- **Over 80% of our revenue** went back in the hands of Black and Indigenous business owners.
- **100% of our microgrants** went to Black and Indigenous startup businesses.
- **We created 2 new, full-time careers** and 7 new contract positions.



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Future forecasting:

2022 is shaping into a year of vibrant growth, with our foundation, and team; strong. Our growth is directed toward a healthy, strong community that endures with more solutions and celebrations.

- We will be **opening our second home** in 2022: Willa's House.
- **ARMHS Service waitlist** is now open and can be found on our website.

We appreciate and are **looking for volunteers**, particularly for our Twin Ports Juneteenth 2022.

All of this will be presented inside, come with us as we look back on our path through last year and our goals for the years to come.



HONESTY, TRANSPARENCY, FAIRNESS, SAFE SPACE, CHALLENGE & TRUE INNOVATION



Throughout my life, I was reminded; “the children are our future.” I always felt there was a limitation in this statement. It forgets about the adults, young and elders who are our future also. Expanding the idea to include community means every family, child, adult, and young adult is part of our future. This inclusion defined a real future to me.

Throughout my life, I struggled, knowing our community cried out with needs. I wanted to be part of a move toward nurturing a strong, vibrant, healthy community.

Throughout my life, I have witnessed a vast array of needs go unanswered. I began to answer by establishing, in 2014, Family Rise Together (FRT). I created FRT out of concern for fathers and families who were experiencing injustices that were causing divides in their homes and community. Family Rise Together’s main purpose is to provide safe environments for fathers to develop, contribute, invest, and actively participate in the well-being of their children, family, and community. We saw the need to develop and implement proven strategies for whole-family wellness. Our mission is to strengthen families and build synergy by engaging fathers in their children’s lives, establishing family values, fulfilling social roles, and actively participating in the community.

We have grown so much since 2014. Now, Family Rise Together is family for your family. What does this mean? It means the culture of FRT, at our core, is family. We are more than an agency, title, or brand, while we may not have all the answers, we certainly have the get up and go needed to solve an issue or find the people who are great at making the best out of nothing. Our passion for our work is powerful. This energy that drives us to continue to stir the pot, to keep going, even on our most difficult days, burns to our core.

In 2021, we served our community with less than five staff. I am excited to report we currently work with 10 diverse individuals committed to being part of the change. We also partnered with the NAACP and the Superior African Heritage Community of Superior, Wisconsin, to host our 1st Annual Twin Ports Juneteenth event in Duluth, MN. Juneteenth was more than successful; it was welcoming, safe, and a true demonstration of what a community can look and feel like.

Through the pandemic, we are thinking different, living different, and many had found hope when they were hopeless. Others became bold in their approach to life and seized their offered opportunities. Some jumped out and started the businesses that met their financial needs, and fed their souls. Others have struggled beyond comprehension, and we want to honor their voice. We bear witness to their struggles and their triumphs. We have learned a lot about the community and business. We gained a better understanding of how we can come alongside our community to develop a true, honest legacy in our future. This is a future worth fighting for, holding space for, holding one another accountable for, breaking curses for, changing behavior for, and most importantly, worth living for.

I welcome you to come alongside us, to help create the community we truly can be proud of; one we want to live and thrive in. We thank 2021 for the lessons, growth, and opportunities, and we welcome 2022s blessings, harvests, and prosperity. The pandemic showed we can do our work in a rich, innovative way without causing more harm.

My name is ChaQuana McEntyre. I am the Founder, President, and acting Executive Director of Family Rise Together. I wanted to send you a letter to say thank you.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ChaQuana McEntyre'.

FIRST ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION



The First Annual Juneteenth Celebration in the Northland saw collaboration across the bridge between the communities of Superior and Duluth. The resulting celebration on the hillside was safe, fun, and wonderful. 2022 will see the second annual Juneteenth Celebration happening in Superior, Wisconsin.



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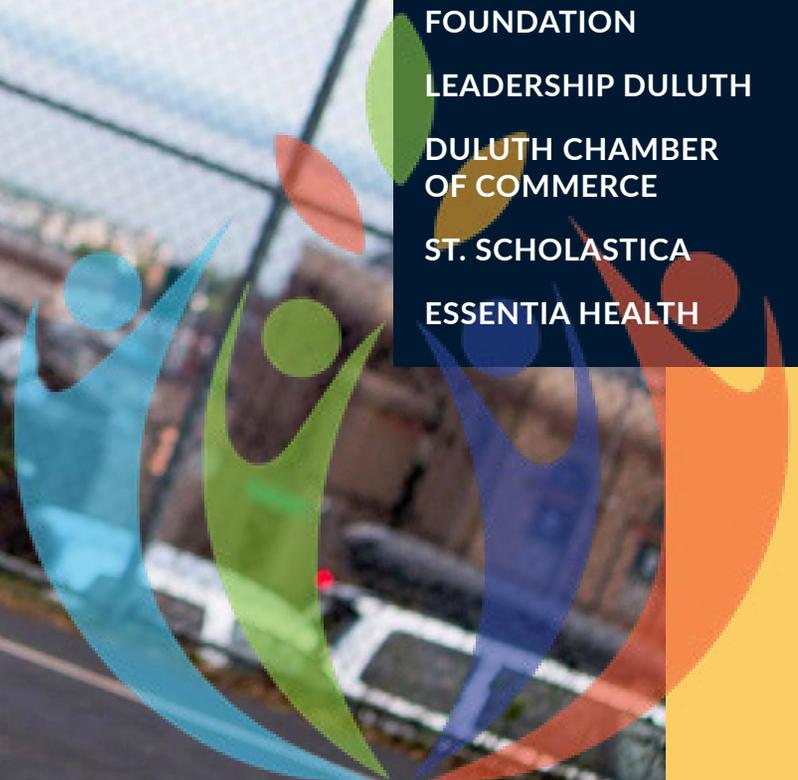
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WITH GRATITUDE TO OUR BOARD MEMBERS

To my board members, thank you, thank you, thank you!
This has been no easy ride but here we go! (some photos missing.)



Justin Harris



Kym Young

Phillip Jackson



Glenn Simmons



Bobbi Jo Potter

SPECIAL THANKS FOR SO MUCH MORE THAN WORK

In the 5 years spent on our executive board, Kym Young operated on the highest level of competency and assisted us in all we have accomplished.

More than an elder, Kym Young is a community mother who is well respected, needed, and wanted. Her role in helping build Family Rise Together is nothing short of a miracle.

We want to send a huge thank you to Kym for her everlasting support, mentorship, advice, wisdom, prayers, and so much more. Our greatest prayer is that she finds peace, rest, and family time in her retirement.

FUTURE FORECASTING:

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Vision Statement

To develop and implement proven strategies for whole-family wellness.

2021 was a year of intensive growth.

Finding our feet with new staff and programs will bring challenges and new needs.

Please, consider volunteering with us.

