

# KINNEY CUSTOM INDUSTRIES

Kinney, Minnesota 55758

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The Institute of Cultural Affairs  
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Dear Friends,

As we come to the end of the two year Human Development Project, we would like to thank the ICA in general, and the Kinney House staff in particular. Without your help we are sure we would never have gotten our company off the ground.

When you were invited to this town and held the consult, we never thought we would be the ones to impliment one of the towns dreams. Several women in town expressed their desire to work, but they had no transportation and some had small children to care for. With your help we researched the markets and came up with a custom uniform sewing business.

You would think just helping us find a business would be enough to be thankful for, but your consultants didn't stop there. They put us in touch with consultants from Score. They helped us find customers and wholesale suppliers. They arranged for our accounting and management systems to be reviewed by students from the University of Minnesota in Duluth and their professors. They also encouraged us to take several seminars, college courses and vo-tech courses. One of us even went to Lorimore Iowa to a Human Development Training School at the ICA's expense. They also gave us much personal encouragement, without which we're sure we would have never make it this far or at least this fast.

All this time the people from the ICA have been helping us, they have also been busy helping the citizens of Kinney in many other areas. In just naming a few there is the Pre-school, the teen's Canteen, the Kids Organization of Kinney, printing and mailing the "Kinney Voice", cleaning up and or painting vacant lots and old store fronts. They have helped plan community celebrations such as the Winter Frolic and the Fourth of July.

In all these things the ICA has helped us with it seemed the primary idea has been to show us how to get started and then to carry it through, because now that they are leaving, we are going to carry on without them. We can't really say we are glad they are leaving, however. All of us who have worked and "played" with the ICA staff have grown to love them. When they leave, we will be saying good-bye to some very good and special friends. We are sure we

will keep in touch with all our friends in the ICA and if there is any way we are able to help with furthering your work, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you again for everything.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. Thorne".

Mary E. Thorne

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlene".

Charlene J. Goerdt