

The Wayside Center IN TOUCH

An update of programs for the homeless at the Wayside Center



Making Christ Known . . . for 25 Years

It was the early 1990's, and nearly no services were available for the homeless in Elgin. People wandered the streets by day and hid in the shadows by night. One man, Mr. Dale Jaacks, refused to look the other way and went on a personal crusade to rally the church to respond.

From that effort, The Wayside Center opened on March 11, 1993 on Dundee Avenue, offering job training, free lunches and, above all, the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For the past 25 years The Wayside Center has made Christ known to thousands of men, women, and children.



Making Christ Known . . . in All Our Programming

As the *Arms and Feet of the Local Church*, The Wayside Center carries on the longstanding tradition of Wayside Cross Ministries by serving the afflicted and powerless through sharing the Gospel of forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ.

Each Wednesday morning, Evangelism Pastor Jym Kay of Christ Community Church in St. Charles makes Christ known to our guests through the *Alpha Course*. Following a short video presentation, guests are encouraged to discuss and explore the tenets of Christianity and to accept Christ as their Savior and Lord.



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Making Christ Known . . . in Our Annual Friendship Dinner

————— *You're Invited* —————
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2017

DINNER SERVED AT 6:30PM DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM
CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

PLEASE RSVP TODAY
BY PHONE OR TEXT TO: 630-926-5694
OR EMAIL Dinner@WaysideCross.org
TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE FOR THE FRIENDSHIP DINNER



Dr. Ed Stetzer, Executive Director of the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism at Wheaton College, is the guest speaker at the 2017 Friendship Dinner. Dr. Stetzer was sought out because of his commitment to *Making Christ Known*.



Another long-time friend of the ministry and Friendship Dinner favorite, radio talk-show host Mark Elfstrand of AM 1160, is the MC for the evening.

Making Christ Known . . . With the Help of Others

When the sleepy Village of Hampshire was overrun recently with many visitors during the Annual Coon Creek County Days, the entrepreneurial duo of Gia and Daisy had a wonderful idea. With the homeless in mind, in just a few hours the pair raised \$227 at their lemonade stand for the cause of making Christ known through The Wayside Center.



Making Christ Known . . . Through Transformed Lives



Todd visited the Wayside Center as a guest in need of help, but then seemed to just disappear when he went back to his old way of living. When he finally returned, he was ready for a change. Leaving Elgin, he entered our Master's Touch program. After graduation, with a new start and many well-honed carpentry skills, Todd continues to make Christ known to others as a staff member of Wayside Cross Ministries in Aurora. Todd has remarked, *God found me at Wayside!*

Making Christ Known . . . Through Serving the Homeless Community

During the last twelve months, the Volunteers and Staff at the Wayside Center . . .

Opened the door to 8,371 guest visits and served 12,557 meals

Poured 20,928 cups of coffee

Laundered 1,872 loads of clothing

Taught 832 Bible studies

Distributed 9,347 articles of clothing

Provided guests with a cumulative sum of 5,344 showers