

## Willow Creek Volunteers with New Life Corrections

In early September, Wayside Cross Ministries (WCM) welcomed a group of 30 people from Willow Creek Church's Prison, Jail and Re-entry Ministry to see its residential facilities at Lifespring and Master's Touch. Steve Madawick, Program Coordinator for New Life Corrections (NLC), hosted the volunteers from Willow Creek who work in jails and prisons and wanted to have a place to refer inmates for safe aftercare.

Two residents who are currently in the Master's Touch program at Wayside shared their testimonies specific to how learning about Jesus in the jails and the programs WCM offers helped them out of prison and into a safe place to help them on their journey to a better life. One of those testimonies is featured here.

George battled drugs and alcohol and anger for most of his life. He lost his battle to prison, but regained a new hope through a visit from Chaplain Steve. Steve brought the NLC prison ministry team to Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center, where they presented a



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two-day "Transforming Dads" class. George was happy to participate in this class since he is working on restoring his relationships with his two sons, ages 15 and 12. He earned his "Malachi Dads" certificate, and learned more about the Master's Touch program at WCM.

George was ready for a change. In his words, "I wanted to run to Jesus, flee to God." Thanks to the work of the volunteers who devote many hours to traveling the state, visiting prisons and jails, and sharing Jesus with the inmates, George found his new hope in Jesus Christ through the Master's Touch program at WCM and is currently part of the maintenance team here.

This is one of many stories that are a result of men encountering a New Life Corrections volunteer in jail or prison. Learn how you can support this division of Wayside Cross Ministries by attending the upcoming Outreach Banquet on Friday, November 3, at Gaslite Manor in Aurora. For complete information, see the back page of the WCM Impact.

## Master's Touch Graduation

We are often asked what the success rate is for those who have gone through the Master's Touch program. According to Director, Randy Tomassi, our success rate is 100%. Why? Because the gospel is shared with every person who enters the program. This past July, 12 men graduated from the Master's Touch program, and most are still at Wayside, opting to stay and work, some outside the facility, others as staff. By embracing the gospel and the teachings that occur through the seven-month Master's Touch program, these men hold a higher chance of success in the world outside these walls. This couldn't happen without the kindness of our donors who believe in the God of second (or more) chances.



## Mayor Tours Wayside



*(Right) Mayor Irvin encourages a resident who works at The Hope Chest.*

*(Left) Mayor Richard Irvin and James Lukose.*

This past August, we were honored to host Mayor Richard Irvin for a tour of Wayside Cross Ministries. We are humbled and grateful for the support we receive from the City of Aurora and privileged to serve the needs of the hurting in this community. The Mayor captured his visit with a post on Facebook: his comments are below.

ANOTHER CHANCE: This week, I had the opportunity to return to Wayside Cross Ministries for the first time in many years.

It was very humbling and motivating to meet the residents and hear of their stories. For nearly 90 years, this ministry has served Aurorans and helped them get their lives back on course. Their new facility is top-notch, and the hundreds of men who are served there each year are fortunate to have such a ministry offering them another chance at a fuller life. Thank you to Executive Director, James Lukose (who has been there for nearly 20 years in different capacities) and his team for hosting my team for the morning. #OneAurora

**Mission: To honor God by loving and serving the afflicted and powerless through sharing the Gospel of forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ by empowering them to be disciples of Christ.**

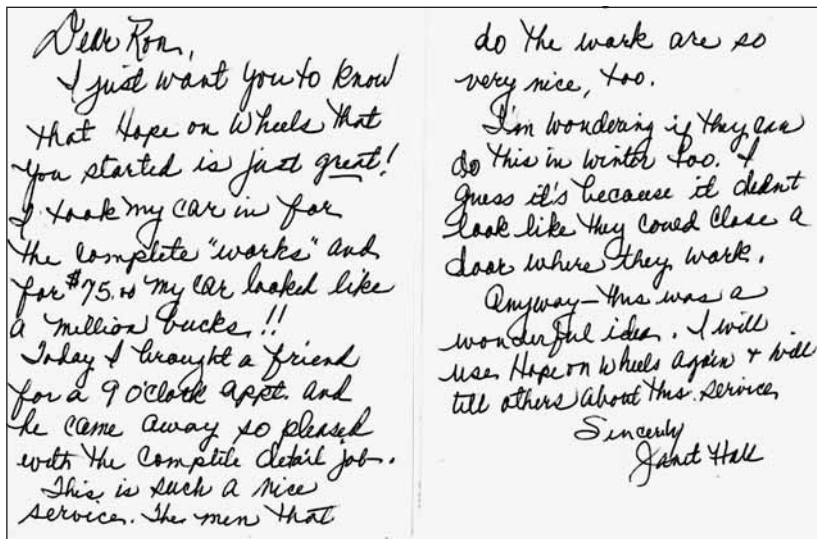
## Community Impact

Hope On Wheels, Wayside's new car detailing program, recently partnered with the North Aurora Culver's, serving the community with a \$5 car wash. The weather was perfect! Over 30 vehicles were washed by 10 of Wayside's resident men. And to top it all off, Culver's donated a portion of that day's sales to Wayside Cross Ministries.

This new program is receiving rave reviews! Here is an example of a satisfied customer:



Thank you, Mrs. Hall, for your kind words!



We invite you to have that same experience with a car wash or detail at Hope On Wheels. The shop is open year round. Our resident workers will make your car look like new again, even in the middle of winter. Call 630.723.3438 for an appointment. Please refer to the back page of the WCM Impact for more information.

## Little Caesars Gives Back

Little Caesars Love Kitchen pulled into the parking lot at Wayside Cross Ministries and opened for business, the giving back business that is. This past July, the men and staff at Wayside benefited from the Little Caesars Love Kitchen and enjoyed freshly made pizzas for lunch.

A big-rig pizza kitchen on wheels, the Love Kitchen has everything that is needed to create a wonderful meal: food for each serving is donated by local Little Caesars franchisees.

The "Kitchen" travels across the United States and Canada, meeting the needs of the hungry, the homeless and disaster victims. You hope you never need them but when you see that truck pull in you know you have a reason to be thankful for.

Along with that, we are grateful for the volunteers from Chapelstreet Church who added tossed salad and dessert to that day's lunch menu and helped serve the meal, as well.





## New Life Corrections Annual Outreach **BANQUET**

**Friday, November 3, 2017**

Gaslite Manor  
2485 Church Road  
Aurora, IL 60502

**JOIN JESUS IN JAIL**



Ron Zappia, Lead Pastor at Highpoint Church, Naperville, is the guest speaker at the 2017 New Life Corrections Annual Outreach Banquet. Pastor Ron founded this church in 2000; Highpoint Church now has three locations. Highpoint Ministries with Pastor Ron can be heard on Moody Radio.



Long-time friend of the ministry, radio talk-show host Mark Elfstrand of AM 1160, will be the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

**Host a table and invite your friends!**

For additional information or to RSVP:  
email [smadawick@waysidecross.org](mailto:smadawick@waysidecross.org) or call (630) 723-3412

**Please RSVP by October 23, 2017**

There is no charge for dinner. A "free will" offering will be received during the evening.

**Please make your reservations today!**

## SERVICES WE OFFER:



### ▪ EXTERIOR QUICK WASH - \$10

Includes hand wash, tire shine, interior vacuum, and exterior windows.

### ▪ EXTERIOR WASH & WAX - \$20

Includes hand wash, tire shine, spray wax, interior vacuum, interior/exterior windows & tire pressure check.

### ▪ FULL SERVICE DETAIL - \$75

Includes hand wash, hand wax, wipe down engine compartment, check fluids, tire pressure check, complete interior detailing, vacuum, shampoo carpet, vinyl & leather conditioning.



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