

## MINISTRY

# HIGHLIGHTS



HER CHILDREN RISE UP AND CALL HER BLESSED  
PROVERBS 31:24 | BELIEVERHEAVEN

For many of us Mother's Day is a day that stirs up many intense emotions. This is especially true for the women and the mothers who are here at Lifespring

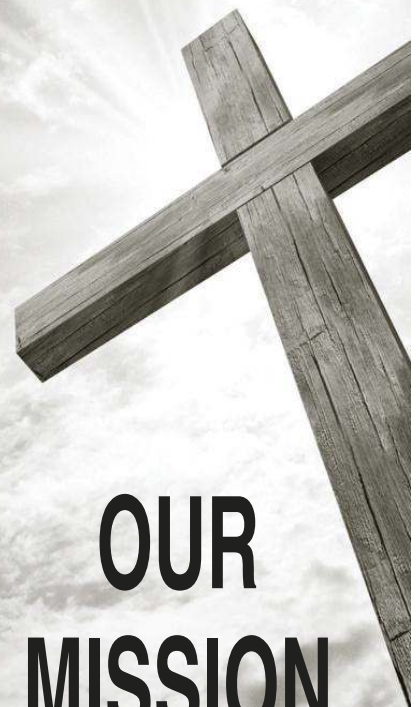
Women come here oftentimes struggling with great loss around Mother's Day. This loss can be felt for a number of reasons – whether they have experienced a loss of custody of their child(ren) or they are grieving the loss of their own mothers.

In addition to loss, there are struggles the moms who come here undergo that you may have never thought about before, such as how to get everyone to sleep in one room and how to gather up three kids

to run downstairs to the laundry room and move a load of clothes into the dryer. There is no privacy or alone time here, especially for mom.

Lifespring desires to give women, and mothers, the space to address their very real emotions, and to help the women find the tools they need to do different things for themselves and their child(ren). It is our hope that they will all be able to thrive.

You are part of what God is doing here, and the work that is being done in and through the women. From all the women and staff at Lifespring, we want to wish you all a Happy Mother's Day.



## OUR 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.

## ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

**RESIDENT'S DAILY ROUTINE** Read to learn about the daily routine of the women here at Lifespring. **PINOT'S PALETTE** Residents were blessed with a fun afternoon of painting and fellowship. **CHILDCARE NEEDS** Please consider volunteering to watch our residents' children. **FAMILY DINNERS** Every evening our women and children gather for a home cooked meal.

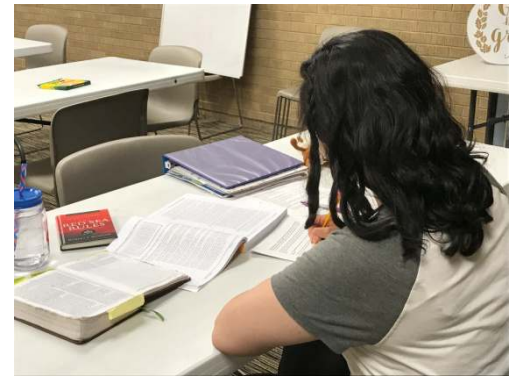
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# RESIDENT'S DAILY ROUTINE

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Resident Participating in Independent Bible Study

LIFESPING PROVIDES A SIX MONTH TO ONE-YEAR BIBLE-BASED DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM FOCUSED ON INSTRUCTING WOMEN ON HOW TO RESTRUCTURE THEIR LIVES ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD AND SUPPLYING THEM WITH THE BEST TOOLS TO LIVE A RENEWED LIFE.

At Lifespring, the women and children are not required to leave during the day and they are given support and guidance through our staff and volunteers.

The daily routine of the women here includes:

Breakfast at 8:00 AM

Devotions after breakfast

Classes and Groups most days from 10 AM – 2 PM. These include:

**Monday-** Self Confrontation Lessons

**Tuesday-** Independent Study

**Wednesday-** How to Study Your Bible

**Thursday-** Biblical Healing, Book Club

**Friday-** Bible Study

Dinner at 5:00 PM

In the evenings we often have volunteers come in and do activities with the ladies or many of our residents will use the time to engage in Independent Bible Study.

Monday and Friday evenings, Lifespring staff lead a Biblically based relapse prevention group focusing not only on substance abuse but on all forms of idolatry.

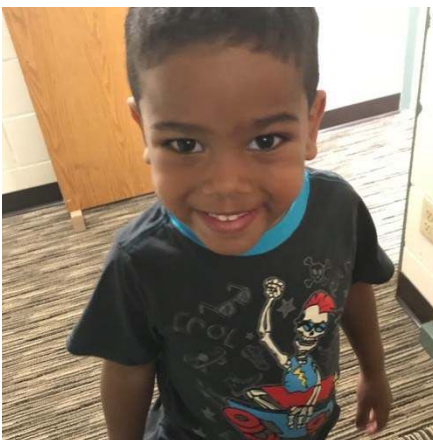
On top of the class instruction and Bible study, Lifespring provides case managers to work with each resident weekly to help navigate the different goals and areas of growth the women are working on. Those goals include: medical, social, educational, and employment, as well as working on securing long term housing.

In addition to case management, all of our residents participate in weekly Biblical counseling sessions to address the underlying issues of the heart.

The women also have access to several mature Christian women from the community that come in to mentor and sometimes just lend a listening ear to our residents.

It is our hope, through all that we do, that the women will be equipped to live a life that brings glory to God.

If you know of any women in need of our program, please instruct them to contact Lifespring by phone at (630) 851-0187 to complete an intake and be placed onto our waitlist.



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**A GENEROUS MAN WILL PROSPER, HE WHO REFRESHES  
OTHERS WILL HIMSELF BE REFRESHED** PROVERBS 11:25

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## Lifespring Is In Need Of Volunteers to Watch Residents' Children

There is a great need for volunteers to come in to watch the children so that our moms can be fully engaged in the programming. Attending classes and gleaning from all Lifespring Ministry has to offer can be hard for our women with children. We are especially in need of childcare during our morning classes and on Monday, Thursday, and Friday evenings. If you would like to be a childcare volunteer, please reach out to our program coordinator, Morgan Baumert at mbaumert@waysidecross.org or by phone at: (630) 952-1103.



# Family Dinners



Each evening, our women and children gather for a meal that has been prepared by another resident in the program. This time is an important opportunity for our women to fellowship with one another and to reflect on the day. These meals look much like dinner at any family's home. There are negotiations over dessert between the moms and their kids, there are spills, and at one point a back up peanut butter and jelly sandwich is brought in when someone doesn't like what has been prepared.

## EVERYDAY TASKS SERVE AS JOYFUL REMINDERS

With Lifespring currently housing 18 adults and 10 children, the number of loads of laundry is high. Residents are grateful for use of the newly donated washing machine as it helps make washing clothes more timely and efficient.



### NEEDS LIST

Small pump hand soap	Diapers (size 4 and 5)
Hand sanitizer	Deodorant
Razors	Conditioner
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Hi lighters	Back packs
Colored pencils	Tab Dividers
Tylenol	Infant Medicine
Ibuprofen	Adult cold medicine
Pepto-Bismol	Large Plastic Bins
Milk Crates	Hangers
Alarm Clocks	120-180 Watt Lightbulbs
Cooking Spices	Jelly
Pasta Sauce	Cereal

## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I was that kid in grade school that caused the teachers (yup, more than a few) to work harder than they should have had to. It wasn't intentional- but I had a hard time sitting at my desk (still do) ☺ and I was a 'talker'. Chatty Cathy was a nickname and I wrote my share of lines... "I will not talk in class". I didn't stop talking, but my penmanship grades got better ☺ and I still love sharing what I learn!

Becoming a Christian gave me a love for the Word and a call. Acts 4:20 – "For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Now I am an ambassador for Christ and His work, in and through His people. I am blessed to share the work of Lifespring with churches and individuals and I am blessed as I work with a resident and search Scripture for God's direction and provision. The grace and love we have been given by our Father is compelling- ***too good not to share.***

The sweet successes and painful setbacks are also great motivators. But the dialogue I cherish most happens in the silence of my heart with Jesus, our teacher/rabbi. He sees my anxious thoughts and He quiets my frustration. His strength is my peace and His love is my joy. I am grateful for all the teachers I have been blessed by- and I pray to never be disqualified as I teach Him to everyone who happens to listen.

In coming months I hope to tell you more of who we are and what we are doing. And I welcome your visit, if you want to come and see for yourself. ☺

# PINOT'S PALETTE

"...in seeing the natural world we are to let our eyes run up the beam of beauty to the Original..."

- John Piper



Beauty is no accident - beauty helps point us back to our Creator.

We are grateful for our volunteer, Pamela Bartlett, who not only faithfully comes and leads a Bible study with our residents, but frequently allows the women to come paint at her Pinot's Palette storefront.

Getting to create art, and experience such tangible beauty, is a blessing to our women. Thank You!

## NEW VENUE FOR OUR ANNUAL AUCTION

As we humbly cherish the responsibility we have been given to come alongside the vulnerable women and children we serve, Lifespring Ministry is pleased to announce its Annual Auction will be taking place on Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

We are also excited to announce that the auction will be moving to another venue. By God's provision, this year's auction will be held at Danada House in Wheaton, IL.

Proceeds from this event will go far to help our residents, as well as help Lifespring Ministry grow in the upcoming year.



## OUR MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

Lifespring Ministry is dedicated to not only providing food and shelter to the women who come to us in need each and every day, but to also help women see their need for a Savior. Your gifts can make a huge impact. Your gifts help provide hope, healing, and life change as our women learn to make a heart change. Please consider making a real and meaningful difference in the lives of those most in need in our community.

CONTACT THE MINISTRY DIRECTOR, JODY CANTEY AT [JCANTEY@WAYSIDECROSS.ORG](mailto:JCANTEY@WAYSIDECROSS.ORG) OR CALL (630) 851-0187 TO SEE HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**GATHER AND GO NIGHTS** Please join Lifespring Ministry for a night of prayer, ministry updates, and to learn how to get involved. The Gather and Go Nights occur every 12<sup>th</sup> day of the month from 6:00-7:00 PM.

**SIX MONTH CELEBRATION** On May 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM, Lifespring will be celebrating two women who have completed six months of the program.

**ANNUAL AUCTION** Save the Date! Our annual auction will be on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 5:00 PM at Danada House.

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