

Wayside Cross Ministries  
ANNUAL REPORT 2012

*Happy Birthday*



# LEADERSHIP MATTERS

Leaders come in different shapes and sizes, and yet we can all agree that leadership matters. Leaders make things happen by working together “for better or for worse”. The display of a leader’s character, courage, conviction and commitment normally shapes the culture of the organization that he or she serves. Most leaders are strong willed, optimistic, and inspiring and at the same time humble, skeptical, and shy. That is why leaders are simultaneously respected and feared. Their passion, coupled with godly ambition and their special ability to stay focused on worthy purposes, is often contagious.

The past 85 years of Wayside Cross Ministries' (WCM) tremendous growth and impact in our community speak volumes about my five predecessors and the significant difference they made. As we stand on their shoulders, we are grateful for each one of them for their dedication, love for the Lord, and compassion for the hurting!

As a “built to last”, Bible-based, Christ-centered, and Body of Christ driven organization, WCM has been intentional in being highly ethical, empowering, and transformative. Additionally, even after 8 decades, we have preserved our core without any compromise. As a result, and due to our resolve to get better in every area of our six divisions of ministry, we were blessed again by the favor of the Lord and through the generosity and consistency of thousands of donors and hundreds of volunteers.

As you read through the contents of this Annual Report, we hope and pray that you will be rewarded with the intangible fulfillment of your contribution to the success of WCM. While celebrating 85 years of God's faithfulness, we enthusiastically look forward to serving together our King Jesus Christ for many more years. May we also learn from King Hezekiah and continue to lead and manage our God-given resources for His glory: "This is what Hezekiah did throughout Judah, doing what was good and right and faithful before the LORD his God. In everything that he undertook in the service of God's temple and in obedience to the law and the commands, he sought his God and worked whole-heartedly. And so he prospered." (2 Chronicles 31:20-21)



James Lukose, Executive Director

# WCM EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS THROUGH THE YEARS



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Superintendent  
1928-1937



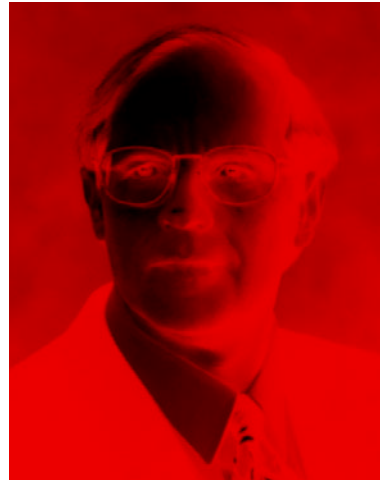
Rev. Alton J. Crouse  
Superintendent  
1937-1941



Lyman E. Davis  
Superintendent  
1941-1954



Rev. Paul M. Johannaber  
Superintendent  
1954-1984



Rev. Wayne W. Greenawalt  
Executive Director  
1984-2010



James M. Lukose  
Executive Director  
2011-Present

Standing on the shoulders of giants – this old adage is a confession that what is accomplished today builds upon the hard work of leaders who came before us. WCM is blessed to have Executive Directors who have labored in the Lord's service in order to lead the ministries of WCM to a brighter future.



# MINISTRY EFFECTIVENESS

## Master's Touch Ministry

- 59 men graduated Master's Touch Program
- 14 men completed "Designed for a Work"
- 36 graduates found full-time jobs
- 9 men reconciled with wife or family
- 88 men made professions of faith in Christ
- 27 men promoted to full-time resident assistants
- 5 men promoted to Resident Staff
- 8 men resided at our discipleship house - Horizon

## Lifespring Ministry

- 69 women and 79 children served, a total of 36 families served
- 12% of women completed the program
- 15% made a profession of faith or rededicated their life to Christ
- 89% showed remarkable improvement in communications skills
- 81% showed remarkable improvement in parenting skills
- 20% received professional counseling
- 65% of Phase III clients obtained jobs
- Currently have contact with 22% of alumni

Additions to the program this past year:  
Changing the program from 12 months to six months. Healthy Living Program, Nutrition Programs, Organic Gardening, Parent Mentors, Preschool Educational Play Time, Biblical Soul Care Group, Job Readiness Classes

## Urban Youth Ministry

- After-School Tutoring: 60 kids at Brady Elementary School
- Aurora Neighborhood Baseball League: 120 at-risk youth
- 60 elementary and junior high aged kids attended summer camp
- Coats for Kids - more than 300
- Toy distribution - more than 300
- Easter basket distribution - 200

## Hope Outreach

- Up to 55 men at one time were provided daily, real-life work experience in our warehouse, transportation department, maintenance shop, and Hope Chest Resale Store
- 7 ministry vehicles maintained with an average of 5,300+ miles per month
- Scheduled, transported, sorted, and refurbished over 350,000 donated items including clothing, furniture, household goods and other miscellaneous objects. These items were sold at the Hope Chest Resale Store or distributed to under-resourced men, women, and children in the community or within one of Wayside's ministries
- Provided 230 families in the community with furniture, clothing, and other basic needs through our Community Outreach program
- Assisted local churches with 129 referrals for clothing, housewares and furniture
- Collaborated with World Relief in Aurora to provide clothing and housewares for 86 refugee families
- 100+ winter coats were distributed to needy families and individuals through a partnership with the city of Aurora and the Aurora Public Schools
- 660 bales at 700 lbs. each of clothing and 1100+ bags of shoes at 40 lbs. each were recycled with the majority of those items going to third world/developing countries
- Partnered with 15 local churches to host Compassion Drives with the purpose of collecting clothes, furniture, and other household items that could be used in our Hope Chest Resale Store as well as other areas of our ministries
- Proceeds from our Hope Chest Resale Store along with our income from recycling clothing, shoes, and scrap metal totaled \$503,541 all of which went to fund the ministry efforts at Wayside Cross Ministries

## New Life Corrections Ministry

- Our Dads' Classes, Bible Studies, Literature Distribution and one-on-one counseling continued weekly in the Kane, Kendall, McHenry & DuPage County Jails, the Fox Valley A.T.C., Stateville Prison, and the IL Youth Center in St. Charles
- We completed our 20th 2-Day Dads' Seminar in the IL State (men's) Prisons
- 884 men graduated from our Dads' Classes Course (270 in 2011)
- 114 Chaplains and Volunteers attended our two 1-Day Training Seminars (65 in 2011)
- 27 Chaplains and Volunteers attended our two 5-Day Chaplain Training Academies
- 192 Volunteers are involved (150 in 2011)
- Arranged for 112 prison inmates to come to the Master's Touch program after their release (70 in 2011)
- Chaplain Tom welcomed Mike McClelland "on board" as a part-time Office Assistant
- Chaplain Tom welcomed his first great-grandson (Tom, 4th) into the world!

## Elgin Wayside Center

- 62 individuals placed in supportive housing or permanent residency
- 16,598 warm meals served
- 148 NEW individuals received service from Wayside this year
- 66 volunteer hours served on average each week
- 34% increase in guests served on a daily basis
- 780 Bible studies taught by volunteers

## DuPage Initiative

- Fill in gaps in the daytime services provided to the homeless by giving shelter and food to at-risk guests
- See homeless guests transition to life-change programs or sustainable housing
- Collaborate with and inform DuPage area churches of housing opportunities at Wayside for homeless men, women, and children



# MINISTRY DIRECTORS



Randy Tomassi  
Director Master's Touch Ministry

Tom Beatty  
Director New Life Corrections Ministry

James Callahan  
Director of Development

James Lukose  
Executive Director

Phil Wood  
Director Elgin Center and  
Urban Youth Ministry

Lynda Dorsch  
Director Lifespring Ministry

## BRIDGE TO LIFE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

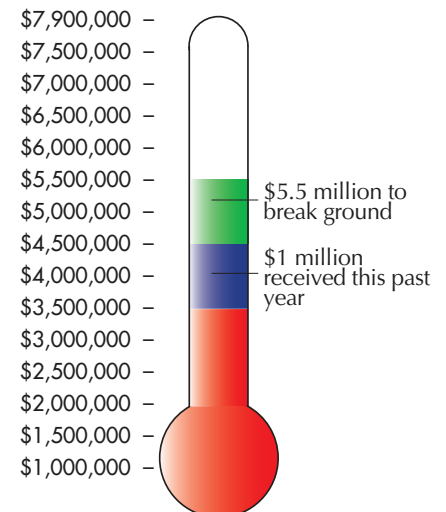
From the Spring of 2009, Wayside Cross Ministries has been prayerfully raising funds to provide a new facility for the Master's Touch ministry and WCM's offices in downtown Aurora with the Bridge to Life Capital Campaign. BTL seeks to provide a new facility with areas for personal counseling, additional support staff and programming to serve the Master's Touch men's ministry.

In the past year we've reached \$4.5 million of the goal of \$7.9 million – an addition of \$1 million in the past year. Please continue to pray along with us for this important need.

A construction committee is in place and ready to move forward with building con-

struction as soon as an additional \$1 million in Campaign funds are raised. We are currently pursuing major funding through New Market Tax Credits, a Federal Housing loan and from a major local foundation. We are even closer to breaking ground today because of the enthusiasm and generosity of WCM's faithful supporters. We are very thankful for the response to the Campaign thus far.

For additional information about the Bridge to Life Campaign please contact: James Lukose, Executive Director, 630-723-3423 or [jlukose@waysidecross.org](mailto:jlukose@waysidecross.org).



# MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

## Board of Directors

### ✠ Executive Committee

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Tom Hartman ✠  
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Aden E. Swinehamer

## Administration

James Lukose -  
Executive Director  
Diana Nelson - Accounts  
Manger

## Finance Committee

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Diana Nelson  
Peter Pabon  
Jeff Roberts  
John Ross  
Tom Wells

## Bridge to Life Capital Campaign Advisors

Marcia Baumgartner  
Tom Boehne  
Rem Fairlamb  
Wayne Greenawalt  
Mike McKenna  
Mary Lou Molter  
Jeff Roberts  
John Ross  
Tom Stachura  
Tom Wells  
Craig Zimmerman

## Bridge to Life Construction Committee

Mike Adams  
Kirk Albinson  
Marty Frankis  
Dave Lautz  
James Lukose  
Gary Martens  
Mike McKenna - Chair  
Anthony Oliver  
Ken Van Kley

## Development Office Staff

Debbie Butler -  
Communications Manager  
James Callahan -  
Director of Development  
Homer Easley - Consultant  
Birnie Harper  
Annual Campaign and  
Business Development  
Coordinator  
David Hiatt -  
Administrative Assistant  
Pamela Keith -  
Grant Writer  
Michael McClelland  
Administrative Assistant

## Annual Campaign Committee

Yvonne Fawell  
Wayne Greenawalt  
Birnie Harper  
Al Senter  
Bill Wallbaum  
Thomas Wells - Chair  
Craig Zimmerman

## Advancement Committee

James Callahan  
Homer Easley  
Birnie Harper  
James Lukose  
Joe Redd  
Tim Rueter  
Brad VanHorn

## Elgin Wayside Center Staff

Josh Bray - Operations  
Manager  
Chris Corsaut -  
Discipleship House Manager  
Ralph Livingston -  
Resident Coordinator  
Assistant  
Phil Wood - Director

## Elgin Wayside Center Steering Committee

Joan Couris  
Deb Gardner  
Marcia Geu  
Gene Heckenberg  
Dave Kuncel  
Peg Masching  
Mike McKenna - Chair  
Gary Meier  
Becky Metzger  
Fonzell Pasquale  
Barb Waddle

## Hope Outreach Ministry Staff

Michael Ciepley  
Maintenance Supervisor  
Kale Little - Coordinator  
Carl Loberg - Warehouse  
Manager  
Michael O'Kier -  
Sorting Supervisor  
Robert Willis -  
Scheduling Coordinator  
Harold Wright -  
Transportation Manager

## Hope Chest Resale Store Staff

Stan Davis - Manager  
Richard Ojeda -  
Staff Cashier  
Art Turner -  
Floor Supervisor

## Hope Outreach Steering Committee

Stan Davis  
Linda Kennedy - Chair  
Kale Little  
John Long  
Mary Lou Molter  
Thron Nelson

## Lifespring Ministry Staff

Marquerite Blitch - Case  
Manager  
Lynda Dorsch - Director  
Wayne Hill - Counselor  
Denise McGhee - Shift  
Supervisor  
Kim Swierenga - Case  
Manager  
Lavonna Towns - Shift  
Supervisor

## Lifespring Partners

Colleen Bente  
Fernando Castrejon  
Sue Stanley Castrejon -  
Auction Manager  
Lynda Dorsch  
Mike Dorsch  
Michelle Hagemann  
Audrey Hexdall  
Debbie Johnston  
Helen LeBeau - Secretary  
James Lukose  
Diana Nelson  
Susie Pepp - Auction  
Co-Chair  
Peter Pabon - WCM  
Board Representative  
Deb Starnier  
Guy Starnier  
Kevin Trenkamp  
Rachel Trenkamp -  
Auction Co-Chair  
Stephanie Walsh

## Master's Touch Ministry Staff

George Bavas - Kitchen  
Supervisor  
Frank Corbiere -  
Greenawalt Learning  
Center Coordinator  
James Dunn - Chaplain  
Melvin Hintson - Resident  
Coordinator  
John Russell - Resident  
Coordinator  
Blaine Thompson -  
Resident Coordinator  
Randy Tomassi - Director

## Master's Touch Transformation Leadership Committee

Mark Cantey  
John Downen  
Ray Glinski  
Tom Hartman - Chair  
Jerry Kennell  
James Lukose  
Steve Madawick

Markus May  
Andy Morgan  
Joe Redd  
Keith Schauer  
Michael Skelly  
Randy Tomassi  
Carroll Wahl

## Aftercare Initiative

Daniel Olson -  
Transitional Services  
Coordinator

## New Life Corrections Staff

Tom Beatty - Director  
Mike McClelland -  
Office Assistant

## New Life Corrections Advisory Board

Wayne Greenawalt  
Dave Haidle  
Jim Harper  
Bob Milliam  
Larry Reckner  
Jeff Roberts  
John Schumacher  
Joe Slawek

## Urban Youth Ministry Staff

Emily Wood - Program  
Coordinator  
Phil Wood - Director

## Urban Youth Ministry Steering Committee

Bob Cano  
Ed Huss  
Carol Miceli  
Mary Lou Molter  
Diane Renner  
Robin Renner  
Thomas Wells - Chair

## Walk-A-Mile Committee

Bob Cano - Chair  
James Callahan  
Lynda Dorsch  
Beverly Folkerts  
Chrissy Little  
James Lukose  
Rebecca Monrean  
John Ross  
Krisi Swafford  
Terry Tomassi  
Emily Wood

# ANNUAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

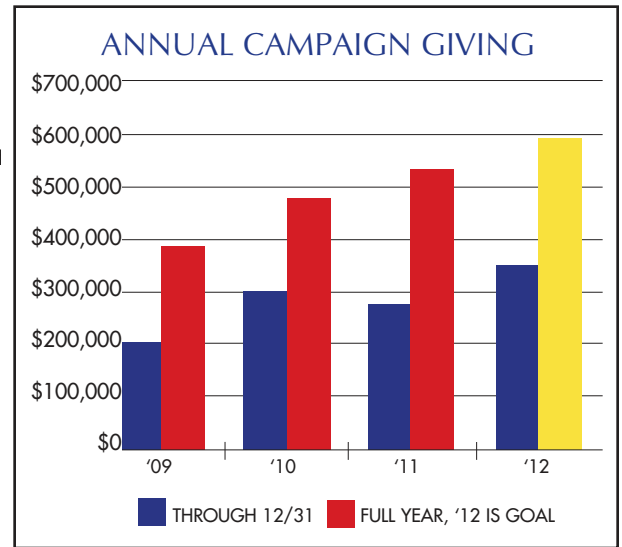
Thanks to the generosity of our loyal Wayside donors and the effort of the dedicated campaign volunteers, the 2012-2013 Annual Campaign is off to a very good start. Gifts through January 31, 2013 are \$377,982. Donations are 12% ahead of last year's record campaign and the yearly total is projected to exceed the campaign goal of \$600,000.

Birnie Harper, Annual Campaign Coordinator, said "I continue to be impressed with the generosity and faithfulness of Wayside's supporters. This year's campaign theme is 'Your Generosity Matters' and our donors have responded as

they have for the last 84 years. We cannot thank them enough"

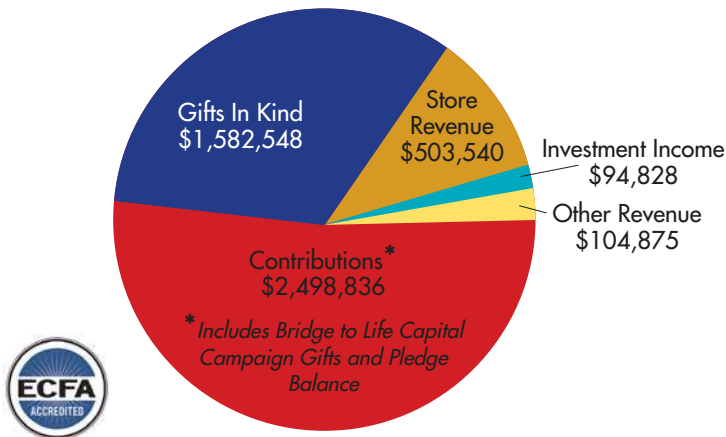
"A few days ago, a recent graduate of Wayside stopped by to visit and said that he had seen his grandson for the first time this Christmas. Hearing stories like that is why I love working here."

Virtually every day a hurting man or woman comes to Wayside seeking help. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Wayside is able to offer help and transformation to all who enter.

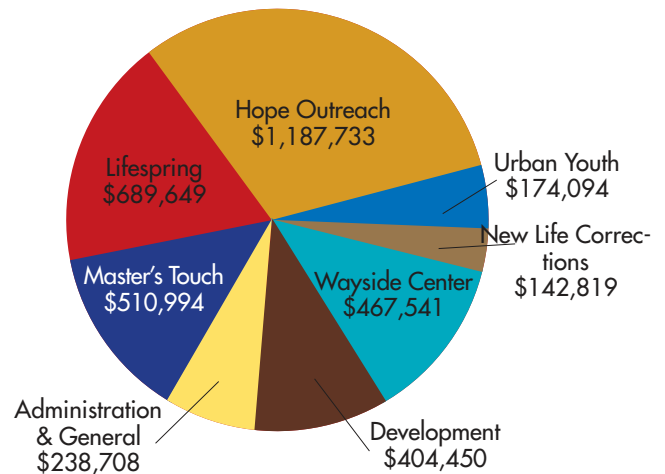


## MINISTRY SUPPORT

September 2011 - August 2012



SUPPORT & REVENUE \$4,784,627



EXPENSES \$3,815,988



# MINISTRY UPDATES

## UYM Toy Drive - The God Who Provides

Urban Youth Ministries (UYM) serves dozens and dozens of the area's youth throughout the year with after school, summer camp and baseball programs. And each year, as autumn approaches, I receive donations of toys to give the UYM kids at Christmas. The Lord has given UYM the incredible opportunity to connect needy families with those who want to give during the holiday months.



At first there was just a trickle of toys, but as Christmas grew closer the Lord provided in amazing ways. Every day I came to the office there would be a new donation. He is the God who provides!

The challenging part of the toy drive is matching the appropriate gifts for the appropriate age of the girls and boys. Once again God provided! With news of another child in need of a Christmas toy, it seemed that a new dona-

tion matched perfectly. I was amazed and overwhelmed by the way God provided for families in need.

Emily Wood, UYM Program Coordinator



## Walk-A-Mile

On a crisp Saturday morning in February, WCM held the annual Walk-A-Mile events in Aurora (to benefit Lifespring and Urban Youth Ministry) and Elgin (to benefit Elgin Wayside Center). Over 200 walkers participated in Aurora, and 100 walkers and supporters in Elgin, and both walks raised much needed funds for these ministries.





# MINISTRY UPDATES

## Donation Bins

Wayside Cross Ministries is always trying to reach out in new ways to create opportunities that engage our surrounding community and benefit those that are in need. This year we have taken on a new challenge and jumped into the crowded "Donation Bin" space. You may have seen several different donation bins all around the area whether in the parking lot of your local grocery store or major big box retailer. Knowing that this area of the resale and donated goods industry was already filling up we decided to go a different route and approach some of our long-term partner churches in the local area.

When this process began we knew that the bins themselves would have to be very high-quality in order for this to be successful. As you may have seen with some of the other bins they can be poorly constructed and fall apart in a short amount of time, or they end up being an eyesore. Eventually we were able to

get in touch with a company on the east coast in the business of manufacturing recycling containers. After a long process and some interference by Hurricane Sandy we finally received our shipments of the initial 5 bins and are thrilled with the high level of quality put into these units.

We are very thankful to the churches that were willing to take this step with us and we are currently looking for more churches that would like to discuss this opportunity. Currently we have bins located at Christ Community Church (St. Charles & Blackberry Creek campuses), The Compass Church (Hobson campus), and Twin Oaks Baptist Church in Sleepy Hollow. Donations can be dropped off at any time if you are near one of these locations. Currently we are only accepting donations of clothing and shoes at the bins. If you have other items to donate and would like to schedule a pickup please contact our Scheduling Department by

calling our toll-free number 888.723.5730 x243. Also, if you are a church interested in discussing the possibility of placing a donation bin at your location please contact Kale Little, Hope Outreach Coordinator at 630.723.3437 or [klittle@waysidecross.org](mailto:klittle@waysidecross.org).



Donation bin at Compass Church, Hobson Campus.

## Thornton's Convenience Store

Thornton's Convenience Store at 2800 Ogden Avenue in Aurora collected 683 candy bars from December 10th to December 20th 2012. The clerks asked every customer if they wanted to donate a candy bar to Wayside Cross Ministries in Aurora and as you can see the customers were very generous.

Right to Left: Mathew Nangachiveettil, Store Manager Brian Jackson, Regional Manager Brett Parlock, Wayside Cross Annual Campaign and Business Development Coordinator Birnie Harper.



# WCM ALUMNI ACHIEVERS JOURNEY

On a recent Saturday morning Wayside Cross Ministries held the first Alumni Achievers Journey gathering. With 20 Master's Touch graduates and 15 counselors and mentors in attendance, we heard testimonies of blessing, success and trust in God's faithfulness throughout their journeys.

What happens to men who complete the Master's Touch program? From the experience of hundreds of men we understand that their success includes building on a good foundation, with prayer, close fellowship with a healthy church and the encouragement of believers in their lives.

They enjoyed a good breakfast, prayed together, heard from four Master's Touch graduates and an encouraging message about building on the solid foundation of Christ, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who build his house on the solid rock." (Matthew 7:24)

The testimonies expressed appreciation for the role WCM played in their lives as the means

God used to transform them. The remarkable help of counselors and mentors, timely and Christ-centered teaching, and earnest prayer all combined to begin their journey of transformation through the grace of God.

On this morning everyone agreed their transformation began at WCM, and their journey since then includes challenges. One man related a lesson he'd learned from Executive Director James Lukose at a final lunch James hosts for the graduates. "If or when you fall in the future, will you fall forward or backwards?" This has stuck with the graduate ever since – the advice, fall forward!

Alumni Achievers Journey is built on WCM's desire to stay connected with graduates and encourage them. And we would like the graduates to stay connected with WCM and pray for the ministry they benefited from. Transitional Services Coordinator Dan Olson was instrumental in this first gathering and promised another event during the upcoming year.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

During a recent visit to Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago Dan Olson and Executive Director James Lukose were very pleased to learn that four men – graduates of WCM's Master's Touch program – are on fulltime staff at the Mission. On another occasion James Lukose and WCM Board Member Mike McKenna visited the Rockford Rescue Mission and learned that a Master's Touch graduate was volunteering at the Mission to help the homeless. We bless the Lord for continuing to bless the lives of these men.

WCM Aftercare Initiative would like your help. We are looking to reconnect with those who have been in a WCM ministry. If you know someone or hear of someone who has completed a WCM program, would you pass along the contact information of Dan Olson, Transitional Services Coordinator – 630-723-3426 or [dolson@waysidecross.org](mailto:dolson@waysidecross.org).



Dan Olson



# AFTERCARE SUCCESS

## AFTERCARE INITIATIVES

Wayside Cross Ministries is committed to working alongside each resident to address all of the areas essential for their future success and transitional plans. The primary objective is that each graduate be fully equipped when they leave WCM. There are eight areas essential for the successful transition to independent living.

- Home Church Attendance
- Driver's License, State ID, Social Security Card
- Resolving Outstanding Issues with Courts
- Establishing E-mail Contact Information
- GED, Certifications, College Planning
- Bank Account and Money Management
- Resume and Interviewing Skills
- Pursuing Employment Opportunities

He Who Began a Good Work

– Philippians 1:6

My name is John. I came to Wayside Cross Ministries and the Master's Touch program three years ago from prison, and the Lord used it to change my life.

In prison I heard the gospel and through God's grace I was saved, but that was only the beginning of my story. I soon learned that the Lord Jesus wanted my whole life, and he wanted a real commitment to the new life of salvation. My past was a mess but the Lord had saved me and would work in my life.

I entered the Master's Touch program, graduated, and stayed on to work at WCM. Today I am a Resident Coordinator for the Master's Touch program, helping men like me learn how the Lord Jesus can turn their lives around.

One of the toughest things to deal with is rebuilding a life filled with the sins of the past, but I know the Lord wants me to take care of



this. With the help of Transitional Services Coordinator, Dan Olson, we've started to rebuild my life. Just this year we've:

- Began repaying debts to the State of Illinois (will be done by year's end)
- Will begin repaying federal student loan (no longer in default)
- Paid off past traffic tickets in another state
- Began the process to reinstate my Illinois driver's license
- Started a savings account at a local bank
- Stayed committed and involved with my church, Covenant of Grace OPC in Batavia

My past problems are very common for men who look for a new life through the help of the Master's Touch program. With the help of Mr. Olson, I'm learning what it means when the Lord says, "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" – Philippians 1:6.

John is grinning ear to ear with joy because he just passed another hurdle in rebuilding his life.

He received word that he is eligible to get his drivers license reinstated.



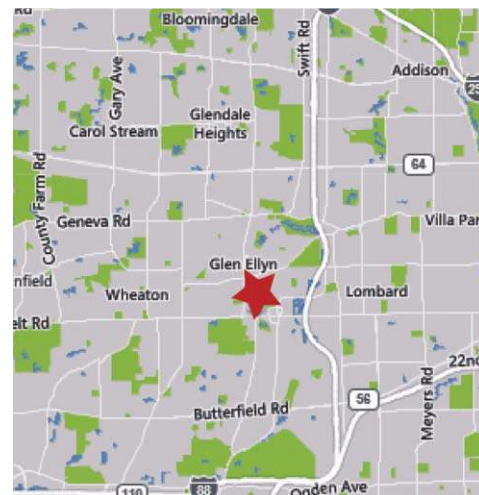
# DUPAGE INITIATIVE

Larger than 300 square miles, DuPage County becomes a pretty huge place when you are homeless. Most people without housing just want to hide. They don't enjoy being spectacles and they don't necessarily want to bother anyone. By and large, they are exhausting their time, energy, and resources just traveling from one night shelter to the next. Many are kept homeless because of joblessness and many are jobless because they are homeless. Lack of transportation, coupled with the unpredictability of nighttime shelter, inability to get a good rest, and growing gaps in employment do not make them particularly attractive to employers in a challenging job market.

Wayside Cross Ministry's DuPage Initiative is an attempt to fill in some of the gaps that exist in the lives of the homeless. Working alongside area churches, PADS, and organizations that have opened their hearts and doors on

weekends and evenings, the DuPage Wayside Center is offering daytime shelter two days per week during the most critical months of the year (November thru March). Meeting at Peoples Community Church in Glen Ellyn, volunteers serve meals and snacks, lead Bible studies, offer biblical and professional counseling, as well as provide a safe environment to rest.

During the first weeks of the DuPage Initiative dozens of the area's homeless participated in Bible studies, were served meals, and received hours of counseling and case management. The coldest months are the most dangerous and the number of homeless in need of services increase. Our goal, Lord willing, is to eventually provide a year-round ministry among our homeless neighbors in DuPage County.



DuPage County



# WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY?

## TIM RUETER, WCM BOARD MEMBER



As Christians we rejoice with faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Yet we also know the passage from life to death can be stressful for those who survive us.

We can ease some of that stress by acting now to put our estate plan in order. Who will be executor of my estate? Who will decide how my personal treasures are distributed? In addition to their own grief, can we imagine our loved ones struggling to find life insurance papers, bank accounts and other vital documents?

By creating a legal will or living trust, we can provide our next-of-kin with peace of mind, knowing that we have already determined how our estate will be distributed and who will care for minor children, for example. Our family will still

grieve, but they won't face the daunting task of making decisions that we could have made at the right time.

A will also provides an excellent opportunity to remember the Lord's work we have supported during our life, like Wayside Cross Ministries. A gift to WCM through our will serves as a testament to our heirs of our faith in God and to continuing God's work. It provides us with one final opportunity to show what it means to be a good steward, providing for others as God has provided for us during our lifetime. That will be a blessing to future generations!

Drawing up a will or living trust is a simple process, but make sure it is done right. By using expert advisors, such as trusted attorneys and financial planners, our wishes can be honored after we are gone.



### DID YOU KNOW THAT SEVEN OUT OF TEN OF US DO NOT HAVE A WILL?

#### Eight Important Reasons to Have a Will

##### Did you know:

- 1 Without a will, your state's laws – not you – determine how, when and to whom your property is distributed?
- 2 You can reduce (or perhaps even eliminate) estate taxes and save taxes in a survivor's estate?
- 3 You can name your executor to manage and settle your estate?
- 4 You can designate beneficiaries for items such as heirlooms, art, jewelry or real estate?
- 5 You may create trusts to provide for your spouse, children and others?
- 6 Through a pourover will, you can transfer leftover assets to your living trust, bypassing probate?
- 7 You can be a blessing to Wayside Cross Ministries through a bequest, which is simple, flexible and tax-deductible?
- 8 With a will, you can designate the guardian you wish for those under your care?



# HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Heritage Society was created in 1998. Membership includes benefactors who have faithfully and generously made financial contributions to the ministry over the past 20 years with contributions totaling \$3,500 or more. We thank God for you, year after year, making generous gifts. You've provided a bedrock of support for our ongoing work.

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