

## Which Came First...the How or the Why?

We all know the debate about the chicken and the egg, but what about the how and the why? Well, at Wayside Cross Ministries, it is easy to answer this question. The answer is the WHY...why do we do what we do? Because people are in need. Men and women need hope and transformation in their lives.

Of course, closely following the why is the how. How will we accomplish fulfilling the why? Hope Outreach Ministry, a division of Wayside Cross Ministries, introduces **HOW: Hope On Wheels**. HOW will begin under the technical expertise and talent of Ron Pieper, who brings 39 years of rich experience supervising and directing in vocational training. Recently retired, Ron's desire is to remain as a public servant in a setting that would allow for a more outward expression of his faith.

Through HOW, Ron will train, supervise and direct our men on how to detail cars and do small maintenance on donated vehicles. He will provide the necessary tools to enhance resident life and job skill training, along with a commitment to aid the community. Some of the training for resident men will include:

- Work ethic and viable skills for future employability
- The process of vehicle maintenance inspection and performing minor mechanical repairs
- Vehicle detailing

The goal is not only to provide this training for the resident men, but also to increase vehicle donations through partner churches and donors, as well as solicit new detailing customers via our existing donor base and partner churches.



Ron Pieper

### WANT TO GET RID OF YOUR OLD CAR?

No longer need your car, SUV, minivan or pickup truck because you got a new one and don't want the hassle of selling it? Donate it to Wayside. This is a great way to receive a tax deduction.

If you would like more information about this program please contact

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## The Full Circle of a Transformed Life

Craig Schuler experienced a transformed life through the power of the gospel, as a resident of Wayside Cross Ministries. Before entering WCM, Craig struggled with alcohol abuse and, as a painter by trade with a successful business, knew he needed help before he lost everything. His tenure at WCM gave him the strength to overcome his addiction and prepared him to return to his business, clean and sober. After leaving the program at Wayside, Craig stayed connected through the Oasis Church, and when needed at WCM, offered his gift as a painter to do patchwork and paint repairs. Craig's gift was well utilized when another transformation took place. Wayside's Hope Chest resale store was in dire need of renovation, and a new paint job was in order. Craig led a crew of Wayside residents who, under very short time constrictions, painted all the walls and the ceiling of the 8,000 square foot store, giving a clean, fresh look to what was previously dull and dreary. We are grateful to God for this transformation, and for Craig as he gives back, validating the full circle of a transformed life.

You cannot put a price tag on a transformed life. God's provision and the generosity of our donors makes transformation possible.

## Home with the Lord

Colossians 3:23-24 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."

Tom Beatty was the truest example of serving the Lord Christ as he ministered to hundreds of inmates throughout his time at Wayside Cross Ministries. Tom served the Lord with his whole heart, and he is now receiving his inheritance. Tom went home to be with his Lord in early September. He is greatly missed, but we celebrate his freedom from all suffering, and we are confident he now has quite a presence in Heaven.



**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.**



## Hope Chest Renovation



*"This sweet thrift store is likely our editor's pick for favorite thrift store. It's just fun to shop there. There's a little bit of everything and workers from Wayside Cross keep everything nicely organized and stocked."*

Marissa Amoni  
Editor Downtown Auroran

The long awaited renovation of our Hope Chest resale store is now complete! Generous partner churches and volunteers allowed us to stretch dollars, and labor was completed at a fraction of the cost, versus hiring outside workers. Wayside's resident maintenance team completed painting and repairs, working late into the night to allow the store to remain open during business hours. In the final stage, Hope Chest resident men worked throughout the day, orchestrating the moving of fixtures and furniture to keep ahead of the carpet layers.



Eleazar Cervantes, a resident of the Wayside program says, "I was here before the renovation, and now that it's finished, this for me was a labor of love. I can look around and know my handprint is now a part of this place and, for me, that's priceless."

There is something for everyone at the Hope Chest, your treasure awaits you!



## This is What Sponsorship Looks Like

What a blessing it is to hear from a sponsor of one of our baseball teams in the Aurora Neighborhood Baseball League. Brian Tonner at Fairview Dental shared a story about a recent visit he had from one of the players on "Team Fairview Dental." Brian was recently at a back-to-school fair, doing dental exams on underprivileged youth, when a child came up wearing his Fairview Dental ANBL t-shirt. Brian was excited to take a picture with this young man who told him he had a blast playing this year!

This is an example of the difference a sponsor makes in the life of an underprivileged child. Who knows? This young man might just grow up to be a dentist!



## What Does Generosity Look Like?

Wayside Cross Ministries recently received a very special donation. On his 9th birthday, a young boy who attends Cross Lutheran School in Yorkville, decided to forego birthday gifts and asked his friends to donate \$2.20 to pay for a Thanksgiving meal for those in need at Wayside Cross. His 3rd grade classmates and their families donated \$186 which will allow 84 people to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. Generosity looks like a 9-year-old boy celebrating his birthday, who has a heart for those in need.

## Wayside Supports the Compassion Uganda Initiative

We are excited to report that the WCM Board voted unanimously to continue supporting the Compassion Uganda Initiative for one more year. Their Discipleship House is going well and the outcomes and progress are good. Six boys have professed faith in Christ and have shown change in their attitude and behavior. The boys attend a daily Bible time, and attended a 5-day Christian Youth Camp and really enjoyed it. The goal is to reunite the boys with their families, and the reconciliation process for all six of the boys has started.

