

Outreach in the Jails / Compassion in the Prisons

New Life Corrections is grateful to be able to serve in the jails and prisons. We serve, primarily, in the Kendall, Kane, McHenry, and DuPage County jails, and in many of the state prisons. Our volunteers travel weekly and monthly to visit the inmates and pass out hundreds of Bibles and Christian materials, or conduct **Freedom from Fear** and **DADS** seminars. Thanks to these teachings, many men and women have come to Christ. Additionally, many choose to come to Wayside's Master's Touch and Lifespring programs upon their release from prison. We strive to always give these inmates hope where there is no hope, a hope that can only be found in coming to a deep faith in our Lord Jesus.



Pictured here is our Kendall County **DADS** graduation class; several of these men became Christians through this 12-week program. Our volunteers are making an impact in the lives of these men.

Interested in Volunteering? Visit www.waysidecross.org and click on Jail-Mail.org.

Volunteers Make It Happen

We are blessed by the many volunteers who come into the office weekly to help New Life Corrections: Dick Hilderbrant (pictured) is one of them. Dick is a veteran and retired United Airlines captain flying 777's for 37 years. He now restores/sells vintage 70's motorcycles with his son, but he has a heart to serve! Dick first got involved with NLC in 2013 through his church, Harvest Bible Chapel in Elgin. He went on his first two-day **DADS** seminar and was sold on this critical ministry to



the lost and lacking. He's been on countless two-day seminars over the years, but that's not all. Dick faithfully serves weekly, preparing the necessary brochures for these two-day trips. This is vital material our teams take to the prisons. Dick is a great support to our

NLC team, and to top it all off, he recently graduated from the NLC Chaplains program in May. Dick and his wife Linda have been married 48 years and have two grown children and five grandchildren.

God Loves a Cheerful Heart



Before

As Wayside Cross Ministries endeavors to complete its capital improvement project, it is important to recognize the philanthropic wishes of Mr. John C. Dunham and the Dunham Fund for its \$1 for \$1 matching grant. Thanks to the financial support of the Dunham Fund, we were able to complete the repairs on a limestone retaining wall on the south end of our property, making the outside environment a much safer place. In addition, this repair has resulted in solving our drainage and seepage problems in our warehouse basement. This grant, along with the matching dollars, will also enable us to purchase a new truck, and new carpet will be arriving soon to replace the old carpeting at

Lifespring Center, making the surroundings much brighter and pleasant for the women and children who reside there. Thank you Dunham Fund for your generosity.



After

Lifespring Center Gets a New Roof



We'd like to thank the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, in collaboration with the Dunham Fund, for bridging the gap and providing the funds necessary to replace the roof at Lifespring, which was stretched beyond its time. Excited about the new roof, Jody Cantey, Director of Lifespring Center, said, "A sound roof over your head is something many people take for granted, but our residents know what a precious provision it is."

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.

Thanks for Your Compassion

For more than 10 years, Wayside has held *Compassion Drives* which make it very convenient for donors to drop off their gently used goods. We stage a truck, typically at a church location, and as churchgoers arrive, they are able to put their donations in the truck and head into church service. We recently had a *Compassion Drive* at Knox Presbyterian Church in Naperville where, even on a rainy day, folks brought their donations to fill the truck! Thank you, Knox, for 10 plus years of service to WCM.



Thanks, also, for the generosity of a local church who donated funds, enabling Wayside to purchase a new truck helping to fulfill the needs of our donation pickups, *Compassion Drives*, and the servicing of over 16 donation bins in Aurora and the surrounding area.

Lifespring is Looking Good

Lifespring recently received a whole lot of help painting and landscaping, thanks to the volunteers from Liberty Mutual during their "Serve with Liberty" effort, May 1st thru May 4th. These volunteers helped remove wallpaper, painted, and worked outside (in spite of the rather cool temperatures and rain), to improve the look of the grounds at Lifespring. And they made the inside look great, too!



The Result of a Transformed Life

Jesse and Carlos know, firsthand, the result of a transformed life.

Carlos endured a life filled with alcohol addiction. He was in and out of recovery programs but, time after time, slipped back into his addictive behavioral pattern. Although he was resistant to come to Wayside Cross Ministries, after extensive prayer, he entered the Master's Touch program. Today, he realizes God's love for him, that there is no condemnation in Christ, and that God's mercies are new every morning. He committed himself to his work, hopeful to make a difference. His commitment was recognized as he was recently hired as full-time staff cashier and team leader at Hope Chest, one of Wayside's resale shops.

Jesse was introduced to a life of drugs and alcohol at a very young age. He was in and out of



jail several times and, in time, became sick of it all: a friend directed him to Wayside Cross Ministries. After entering the Master's Touch program, Jesse embraced the gospel and Jesus Christ, and made a significant transformation. He was able to have much needed hip-replacement surgery and took the initiative to become healthier. He worked in warehouse operations for several years. Because of Jesse's transformation both spiritually and physically, and his commitment to doing a good job, he was recently hired as full-time staff as sorting supervisor in Wayside's Hope Outreach division. Jesse learned so much about how to serve the Lord and do His will, and God has made his life better.

Carlos and Jesse are great examples of transformed lives through the power of His gospel and a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Lifespring 13th Annual Benefit Auction

Peace Truth Hope Transformation

Take Heart!

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, September 23, 2017
Pipers Banquets, Aurora, Illinois

I have overcome the world. — John 16:33

Join us for a plated dinner, live and silent auctions and raffles. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, hosting a table and or donating an item for auction, please call Jody Cantey, Lifespring Director at (630) 952-1104 or jcantey@waysidecross.org.