

Wayside Cross Ministries



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Stewardship Report 2017

DIRECTOR'S CORNER



**James Lukose,
Executive Director**

Fulfilling the Great Commission and the Greatest Commandment

Believe it or not, we are at the 90 year mark at Wayside Cross Ministries.

Although many things have changed over the years, our purpose and core values have not. We remain faithful to the Great Commission and the Greatest Commandment by empowering those in deep despair with affliction in their lives.

In 1927, after a six-week revival held by evangelist Billy Sunday, the Aurora Ministerial Alliance began discussions about the need for a rescue mission in Aurora. During the week of June 10th, 1928, Wayside Cross Rescue Mission had its official beginning. The timely birth of the ministry was very effective; the timelessness of its purpose has spanned generations through the churches, local Christian business owners, and the faithful donors.

God's goodness has allowed the once "Wayside Cross Rescue Mission" to evolve into today's Wayside Cross Ministries (WCM), with six distinct divisions serving the needs of the greater Chicagoland area and beyond. When people come to WCM, most have no purpose, they have no objectives, and they often have little to no support. In Galatians 5:14, Paul articulates the Greatest Commandment in one verse, *"For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"* Over the past 90 years, WCM has been obedient to this call – loving our neighbors who are in real need, but we couldn't have done that without you.

This reminds me of how the Apostle Paul confirmed to his fellow apostles, *his* eagerness to meet the needs of the poor:

All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor; the very thing I had been eager to do all along. Galatians 2:10

Looking back on the past 90 years, we never cease to be amazed by the fact that there are thousands of ministry friends who helped and empowered us to be faithful in remembering the poor, year after year. We give our heartfelt thanks to you for doing so eagerly.

Without the timeliness of the churches' response to the need for a rescue mission 90 years ago, and the timelessness of our purpose and core values, there would be no Wayside Cross Ministries today. Over the years, WCM has experienced changes in leadership, personnel, programs and its facilities. What remains steadfast is our commitment to help the helpless, provide compassion for the hurting, instill hope for the afflicted, and above all, encourage transformation through reconciliation with our Lord Jesus Christ.

As you read this year's Stewardship Report, may you recognize the thread of faithfulness that has extended over the past 90 years, and find confidence in the knowledge that our purpose has not changed. Most importantly, numerous lives have been transformed because of the unwavering story of redemption in Jesus Christ. We are excited and look forward to serving Christ together in the next 90 years. We count on your support and prayers.

But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish. Psalm 9:18

MINISTRY IMPACT

Master's Touch Ministry

- 41 men graduated Master's Touch Program
- 26 men completed "Designed for a Work"
- 39 graduates found full-time jobs
- 27 men reconciled with wife or family
- 52 men made professions of faith in Christ
- 8 men promoted to full-time resident assistants
- 4 men promoted to resident staff
- 6 men resided at our discipleship house - Horizon

Lifespring Ministry

- Bible studies and practical skill classes were taught by an average of more than 15 volunteers each week
- 4 women graduated from the program
- 4 women made a profession of faith in Christ
- 2 women showed remarkable improvement in their communication skills
- 3 families showed remarkable improvement in parenting skills
- The 7 women that entered Phase III of the program (the Phase they can begin work) all obtained jobs

Urban Youth Ministry

- 2,803 meals served to children of low-income families
- 343 children participated in youth programming with 25% of the kids participating in more than one program for at least three consecutive years
- 35 churches and organizations collaborated to provide free bus transportation/field trips/baseball equipment/building and field use/Christmas, Easter and birthday gifts
- 32 players participated in Aurora Neighborhood Baseball League's All-Star game
- 100% of the participants from after school programs, summer camp and winter camp were presented the Gospel
- 125 new winter coats to the children of UYM programs
- 1,090 hours served by 79 volunteers

Hope Outreach

- Up to 105 men at one time were provided daily, real-life work experience in our warehouse, transportation department, maintenance shop, housekeeping department, and Hope Chest Resale Store
- 8 ministry vehicles maintained with an average of 6,000 miles per month
- Scheduled, transported, sorted, and refurbished over 500,000 donated items including clothing, furniture, household goods and other miscellaneous objects. These items were sold at the Hope Chest Resale Store, Sweet Charity Resale Store or distributed to under-resourced men, women, and children in the community or within one of Wayside's ministries
- Through our Community Outreach program, assisted local churches with 106 family referrals for clothing, housewares and furniture
- Collaborated with World Relief in Aurora to provide clothing and housewares for 57 refugee families
- 1,056 bales at 800 lbs. each of clothing and 553 bags of shoes at 50 lbs. each were recycled with the majority of those items going to third world/developing countries
- Partnered with 4 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
- Operated 19 donation bins at partner churches, collecting 13,382 bags of donated clothing, weighing 294,404 lbs
- Proceeds from our Hope Chest Resale Store, Sweet Charity Resale Shop, along with our income from recycling clothing, shoes, and scrap metal totaled \$565,710, all of which went to fund the ministry efforts at Wayside Cross Ministries

New Life Corrections Ministry

- Went to Stateville Prison 28 times, over 2,000 inmates visited
- Did 31, two-day seminars, 800 inmates graduated
- Handed out over 8,000 Bibles in jails and prisons
- Have over 300 volunteers involved in jails, prisons and office
- Trained over 80 new volunteers
- Passed out over 50,000 Dads and Freedom From Fear brochures to inmates
- Passed out 2,500 books and pamphlets to inmates
- Developed a Women's Jail and Prison team, led by Patricia Robinson and 10 volunteers

Elgin Wayside Center

- Over 24 people placed into life change programs
- 131 monthly volunteers
- 200 new individuals served
- 309 total individuals served
- 8,371 guest sign-ins
- Over 12,557 meals served
- 25,133 cups of coffee served
- 1,872 loads of laundry done
- 832 Bible studies conducted
- 5,344 showers taken
- 5,347 clothing items issued guests

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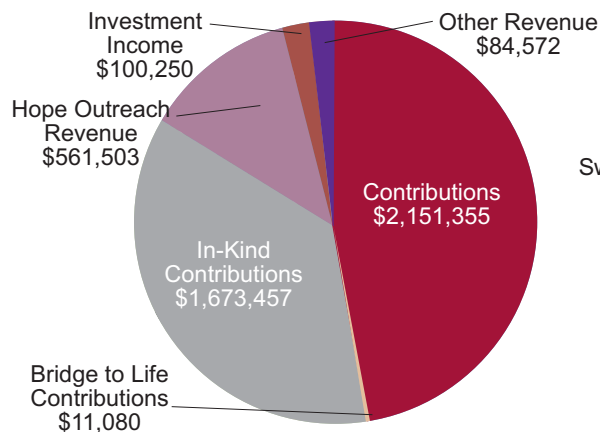
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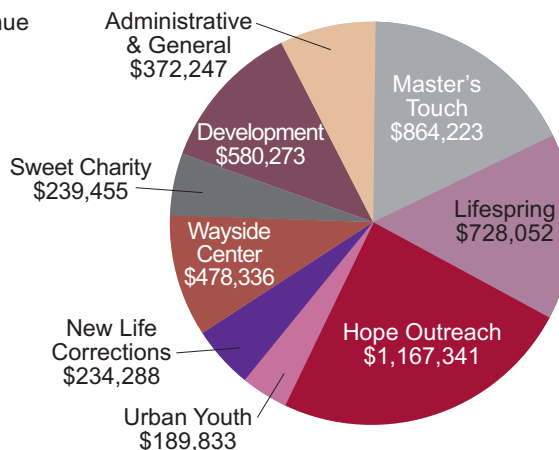
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2017 Revenue Sources



2017 Program Expenses



Personalizing the Annual Campaign

Thanks to an increase in volunteers, the number of Annual Campaign postcards written and mailed has doubled from two years ago and has now reached 4,000 potential donors. These postcards are significant to the campaign and add a personal touch in generating donations.

Volunteers for this project are supplied with postcards, a list of names and addresses, a script, and stamps; it only takes most people about an hour to write and address their postcards. We want to continue to expand this important project. For more information on volunteering to help with this year's Annual Campaign, contact Birnie Harper at 630-723-3427 or email him at bharper@waysidecross.org.

The efforts of our Annual Campaign volunteers play a substantial role in supporting WCM's 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."

Heritage Society Exceeds 500 Members

The Wayside Cross Ministries Heritage Society, created to honor loyal, long-time donors, has reached 531 members. As of the end of 2017, total member donations is 44,963, amounting to many millions of dollars.

Many of the Heritage Society members are monthly donors, creating a strong flow of dollars each month, a significant blessing in slower months as a large amount of WCM donations are received at the end of the year.

Thanks to the sacrificial and generous support of the Heritage Society members, Wayside continues to grow and serve more people.

The criteria for membership and a list of current members is found on pages 14 and 15 of this Stewardship Report.

2018 Walk a Mile in My Shoes



A snowstorm that brought 10-12" of snow to the Aurora area the day before the walk weighed heavily on the decision to cancel the walk portion of the 12th Annual Walk a Mile in My Shoes event. The weather, however, couldn't stop the pancake breakfast! A huge thank you goes out to the Aurora University Baseball and Softball teams and their commitment to being at the pancake breakfast and raising funds for this event.

We are also grateful to the volunteers who braved the weather, the roads, and the early hours to help with the event. Some of those volunteers included the Latinos Unidos club from Waubensee Community College, the women from Lifespring Center (who prepared the delicious meal) and youth from the Urban Youth Ministry program, who helped serve those in attendance.

Additional thanks go to Paul & Bill's Service Center, for their corporate sponsorship, Chief Meadows and the NJROTC from East Aurora High School, Chuck Nelson, Aurora Deputy Mayor, and Alex Voigt, Aurora Assistant Chief of Staff, Pastor Jeff Moore from First Presbyterian Church for his prayer and for the use of the Harkness Center, and David Wood for providing music and the sound system for the event.



Rewards Begin with a Daily Walk with Christ

The Great Commission and Greatest Commandment are embedded in WCM's Mission Statement: "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." Further, they are integrated into our Master's Touch Ministry (WCM's residential program for men) by various program elements, meeting the physical needs (food, clothing, and housing) of our men, as well as their spiritual needs (Bible classes, chapel services, mentoring, and church partnerships).



In discipling our residents, we impress upon them the importance of fulfilling the Great Commission and Greatest Commandment in their own lives. To that end, on the first Wednesday of every month, Master's Touch Director Randy Tomassi presents the "Resident of the Month Award." The recipient is the man whose daily walk with Christ reflects, in the collective judgment of his fellow residents and WCM staff, not only our Mission Statement, but our Core Values (Christ-likeness, Compassion, Commitment, Collaboration, and Community), as well.

The "award ceremony" is a suspense-filled event attended by a "standing room only" audience of residents, staff, and volunteers, whose respectful silence erupts into a spontaneous, raucous standing ovation as soon as Director Tomassi completes the sentence "And the winner is..."

In December, 2016, it was Shaun's name in the envelope. Shaun had entered the Master's Touch program in June of that year. He had previously served eight years in the US Army as a helicopter engine mechanic, but as a result of years of alcohol abuse, his life had become unmanageable. While a Master's Touch resident, Shaun experienced the transforming power of Jesus Christ. After graduating from the program in January, 2017, Shaun spent a few months working in the Aurora area until November of 2017, at which time Shaun joined the WCM Staff as a Cashier/Team Leader in our Hope Chest resale store.

Shaun is very thankful for his Resident of the Month "prize winnings," which comprised "first in line" privileges in our dining hall for all meals during his "reign," and a gift card redeemable at WCM's Hope Chest resale store. Further, his color portrait was also prominently displayed across our campus. More importantly, however, Shaun is thankful for the opportunity afforded him every month to serve as a witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ's transforming power in his life!

Randy Tomassi
Director, Master's Touch

The Fabric of True Hope

I have been reflecting on what 90 years looks like as I keep in mind Wayside's 90th anniversary celebration. As it turns out, 1928 was a pretty good year!

DNA was first proven to exist; sliced bread was sold in a machine wrapped loaf; Charles Lindbergh was presented with the Medal of Honor for his transatlantic flight; Children's Hospital in Boston developed an 'Iron Lung'. There was expectation and anticipation in machines and technology. And then, there was Wayside Cross Rescue Mission.

I see the seeds of our ministry in Isaiah 40:29. *'He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.'* Isaiah 40:31 contains the resource for the strength and power: *'but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'*

As an employee and a runner, these scriptures have a special place in my heart. Christ is the resource from which we serve and the encouragement to lead each other back to Him. We know not all who come will run, but that doesn't change our obedience to the Greatest Commandment: *'Love your neighbor as yourself.'* We share the TRUE HOPE that those who are weary and weak can walk in a manner worthy of a child of the King. That same HOPE that has been woven through the fabric of our todays is tied back to the HOPE that began this worthy effort. The same HOPE propels us forward and challenges us as a community to 'gather in' our neighbors, the poor, the needy, the lost...and run to Him.

This is the passion of faith that brought about Wayside Cross Rescue Mission. Through faith and prayer, the answer was delivered to address this problem of need.

90 years later...we continue to answer the call of need. There is a sweet spirit in the midst of the healing and growing. Staff and volunteers linking arms with residents and walking through the precious promises of Christ. *His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2Peter 1:3*

I have the privilege to walk through the halls of Lifespring Ministry Center daily. It is a blessing to be tightly woven into the fabric of Wayside Cross Ministries. Our program has matured over the past 50+ years from a room at the Mission to its own facility with an intent to build women into the Christ reflecting daughters of the King. We believe in and pray for restoration for all the women and their children, and cannot thank you enough for your partnership with Wayside to accomplish this great work. It is a privilege to serve and to work here, to look back at where we have been, and to believe that the future holds more of Him for us.

Jody Cantey
Director, Lifespring Ministry Center



Committed to Christ

Well over 6 feet tall, Don always seemed like a bigger than life character. As part of that great generation that served the country in the military during WWII, he and his wife, Joyce, went on to raise a family and build a career that reflected the epitome of the American Dream.

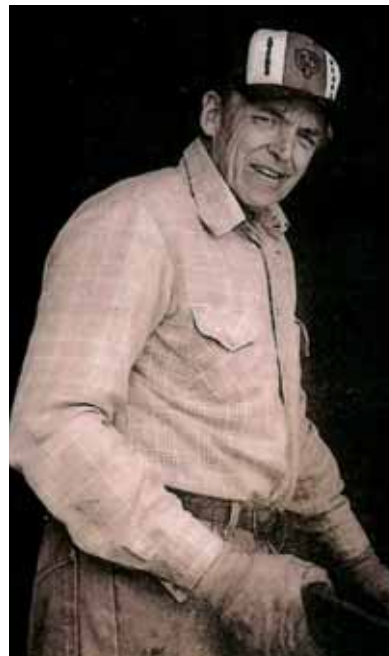
During those years, life was not always perfect for the Benchleys, but they recognized God was always good to them. His grace and transforming power was evident to all as Don and Joyce lived lives surrendered to God and committed to Christ.

As their nest emptied and retirement loomed, their lives did not seem to slow down. Rather, their energies multiplied in many different directions. One direction for Joyce was volunteering with the homeless at the Elgin Wayside Center. Don followed by becoming a Bible teacher at the Master's Touch program in Aurora and then, later, also leading a weekly study in Elgin.

As octogenarians, the health of both Don and Joyce forced them to back off from some of the volunteering and activities they loved. The fruit of their good works, however, continued to follow them and multiply. In addition to the testimony of many about the personal impact the Benchleys had in their lives, when Don passed in early 2017, scores of gifts were given to Wayside Cross Ministries in his memory. Within the year, Joyce followed her husband to glory, with many more gifts also given in her memory. Family and friends knew that the best way to honor the Benchleys' memory was to support the place where they poured themselves into helping others.

As Christmas and the cold weather neared, the grieving and surviving family delivered a generous check to Wayside Cross Ministries. It was a final donation from a couple that not only remembered Wayside in their lives, but also in their passing, by including the ministry in their wills. In their lives, and even in their deaths, this dear couple modeled with their actions and deeds, their commitment to both the Great Commission of making disciples and the Great Commandment of loving others.

Phil Wood
Director, Elgin Wayside Center



Fulfilling His Great Commission and Greatest Commandment

Since 1986, UYM has given children of Aurora hope in their future through Jesus Christ. God has blessed UYM with many volunteers, interns and employees through the years who are living out Matthew 28:16-20 and Matthew 22:39.

Under the direction of Wayside Cross Ministries, Urban Youth Ministry is committed to hiring staff that love the Lord, love others as themselves and desire to share the Gospel with the afflicted.

UYM is grateful for the work God is doing in the staff He has given us: “I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5 (ESV)

Meet Emily Wood, one of our current staff members. Her story is an example of God’s provision to UYM, fulfilling His Great Commission and Greatest Commandment.

Emily has been volunteering and/or working for Urban Youth Ministry for the past 9 years. She started as an intern to fulfill her graduation requirements at Moody Bible Institute where she was completing her major in Urban Ministry in 2009. She first found her passion for sharing the Gospel with inner city children when she went on a mission trip to inner city Detroit during her senior year in high school. In 2010, she was hired to be the UYM Program Coordinator where her duties included running summer camp and after school programs. She also helped in fundraising. During her free time, she volunteered as an assistant coach with her dad and sister in the UYM Aurora Neighborhood Baseball League. Currently, she is still working several hours a week serving the middle and high



school students of UYM. Emily and her husband have traveled to Ireland, Haiti and Africa to spread the Gospel and they also reside on the East side of Aurora (in the community UYM serves) where David, Emily’s husband is a Pastor at an Aurora church. They are raising two beautiful daughters to love the Lord and are teaching them to love their neighbors as themselves and to go out and share the Good News with all. Emily and David are faithful donors and prayer warriors for Wayside Cross Ministries and the people it serves!

Robin Sterkel
Program Coordinator, UYM



A Changed Life

Before getting arrested, I was a thief and a drug addict, stealing from anyone and everyone so I could get high. When I got arrested for burglary, I was sent to Cook County jail.

In jail, I enrolled in Gateway, a behavior modification and drug abuse program. Once the drugs were out of my system, I excelled in the program. I started to take a look at the cause of my problem and realized I was spiritually dead. I didn't believe there was a God that could love me, an addict and thief. I started attending Willow Creek Chapel service on Monday night in jail. After several months I received God's gift and turned my life over to Jesus.

I still had to face the court. I was sentenced to 10 years for burglary and I went to Dixon Correctional Center to serve my time. While in prison I attended the *Freedom From Fear* seminar, taught by Chaplain Steve Madawick and his team of volunteers. Chaplain Steve told me about the aftercare program at Master's Touch, a division of Wayside Cross Ministries. I made the decision to take a chance and change my life.

I came to Wayside Cross Ministries after my release in August 2017. While at Wayside, my life changed for the better. I learned to read and study the Bible which helped me have a positive attitude; as a result, my faith has grown. God has blessed me with a cure for my Hepatitis-C diagnosis, and He has given me favor in getting my driver's license.

I graduated from the Master's Touch program in February. Upon graduating the program, I went into Phase 4, which allows me to work at an outside job and still live at Wayside. Chaplain Steve introduced me to John Lessik, President of Apex Wood Floors. Apex is partnering with Wayside to provide graduates an opportunity to develop a career in the wood floor industry – Apex is now my place of employment. Additionally, I am looking forward to becoming involved at Highpoint Church where John is an Elder, and to attending Chaplain Steve's Bible study on Wednesday nights.

Thanks to my time studying the Bible, I have a favorite verse. It is Romans 12:2 – *Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.* God has transformed me. God never gives up on us!

David Michalski



Aurora Community Teaches Students: You Are Valuable

Judy Durham is a lifelong Aurora resident, an East High School alumna, and is a Special Education Job Coach at East Aurora High School District 131. A contract from the Illinois Department of Human Services helps fund the S.T.E.P Work Program (Secondary Transitional Education Program). These students (high school through age 21) learn social skills, work and life skills. This program has three components: a classroom component, hands-on training, and career development.

Since 2011, Judy has brought 6-10 S.T.E.P. students twice per week to serve at our Hope Chest Resale Store, where they are allowed to learn and work within their own abilities. “Hope Chest is a community training ground,” says Judy. “Our students are able to develop personally, with the goal of moving toward a more demanding job and, ultimately, toward self-sufficiency.”

Wayside resident workers respond with excitement in seeing high school students working and “giving back.” Judy says that our residents encourage them like “big brothers” to stay in school, stay focused, and to persevere when things don’t go well. “They laugh and joke with our students, make them feel comfortable, and are like a family to us.”

Judy reminds us that “our Aurora community needs our students to learn to give back, because it opens their heart to helping other less fortunate people.” She reminds her students that “just because you have a disability doesn’t mean you aren’t valuable.” We concur, and are blessed to have Judy and her students serve our community with us!

Steve Wise
General Manager, Hope Outreach



Judy is pictured in the back row, third from left, with students from her S.T.E.P program.

H.O.W.

H.O.W., the auto detailing ministry of Wayside Cross, officially opened its program in July 2017. Since that time they have detailed nearly 200 vehicles. H.O.W. is designed to help WCM's residents in

the Master's Touch program learn work ethic and job-readiness skills. Bring your car in for a wash or detailing in our year-round indoor facility and it will look brand new when you pick it up. Most importantly, you're helping men learn a new job skill for their future. Call 630-723-3438 to make an appointment.



H.O.W. is the auto detailing ministry of Wayside Cross!

Hope On Wheels is designed to help our residents in the Master's Touch program learn work ethic, along with viable life and job skills. This is accomplished in our year-round indoor facility, where vehicles will be made to shine like new again by our trained resident workers.

Bring your car in and you will have the satisfaction of knowing you've helped men learn a new job skill for their future.

Sweet Charity Honors Volunteers

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus says: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

This is a reflection of the hearts of the volunteers at Sweet Charity. This past December, volunteers were happy to celebrate Christmas together at the home of Carol Blackwell, one of Sweet Charity's staff. Many of the volunteers are not connected on a daily basis because of their schedules; this celebration brought a wonderful opportunity to bring them all together and show them how much they are appreciated for the many hours of service and the unique gifts that each volunteer brings to the store. It was a great time of unity and fellowship, and included a



delicious meal, followed by a short devotional centered on the aforementioned scripture.

Sweet Charity has been blessed with 18 volunteers who serve faithfully and are critical to the smooth operation of the store, and to 'doing for the least of these.'



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- NEW LIFE CORRECTIONS
- WAYSIDE CENTER ELGIN
- URBAN YOUTH MINISTRY
- HOPE OUTREACH

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.

VISION

To be a Christ-centered ministry pursuing excellence through transformed lives for God's glory.

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