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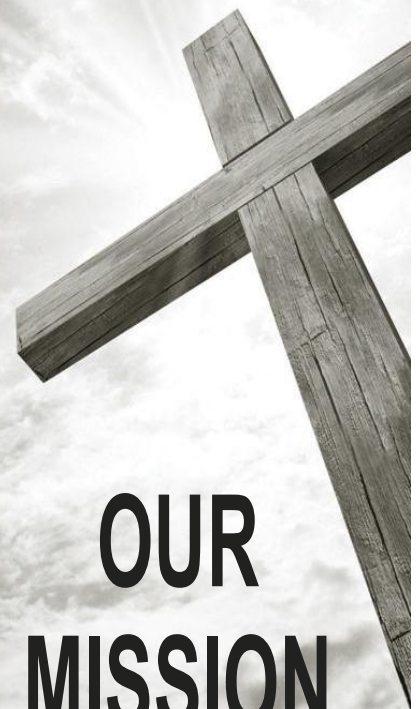
MORE THAN A DINNER; MORE THAN AN AUCTION – A **CELEBRATION!**

Last September, we gathered together for an evening to **celebrate** the amazing work God had done at Lifespring throughout the year. We ate and fellowshiped together, gave thanks for the Lord's faithfulness, and praised Him for the redemptive work He continues to do in our midst. We are grateful to everyone who participated and made contributions to Lifespring Ministry at last year's event.

This year, Lifespring staff is looking forward to hosting our fourteenth

annual benefit event at a new location! This year's dinner will take place at Danada House in Wheaton, Illinois on Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 PM.

Lifespring staff would like to personally invite you to this year's benefit dinner. We extend a warm welcome for you to join us in an evening of **celebrating** the stories of each resident, volunteer, church partner, and staff member who is a part of Lifespring Ministry.



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

CELEBRATING FREEDOM Lifespring staff desires that all residents would experience the freedom found in Christ. **VOLUNTEERS** The ministry of Lifespring could not take place without the service of our volunteers. **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS** Lifespring staff answers some common questions. **TANGIBLE BEAUTY** A life transformed is the ultimate harvest.

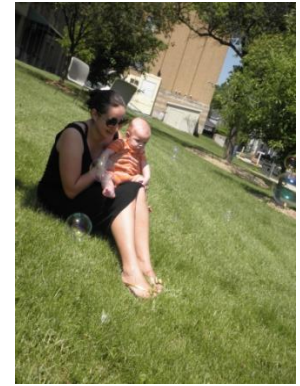
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Celebrating Freedom



IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT CHRIST HAS SET US FREE. STAND FIRM, THEN, AND DO NOT LET YOURSELVES BE BURDENED AGAIN BY A YOKE OF SLAVERY. **GALATIANS 5:1**

Fourth of July serves as a good reminder of the freedom we have in and through Christ.

At Lifespring, we are burdened for those who are trading that freedom for the things of this world because we know that often leads to bondage.

Many of the women who come to Lifespring have found themselves at their lowest due to indulging in the things of this world.

What happens to these women after they're at their rock bottom? Is that the end of their story? Or is redemption possible?

Thanks to your support, women are writing a new life story through our

year-long transitional housing program at Lifespring Ministry.

God uses your support to reach people like Melissa, who paroled to Lifespring in June. When you support Lifespring Ministry you:

- Provide a safe place for women to transition into a positive life.
- Help women break free from past hurts, negative patterns and addictions.
- Help women heal broken relationships with loved ones.
- Help women experience God's forgiveness and love.

When you give to Lifespring Ministry, you're living out Jesus' mission to "proclaim freedom for the prisoners." (Luke 4:18). And not just literal prisoners—but freedom and healing to anyone imprisoned by addictions, greed, bitterness, shame, loneliness, and hurt.

Through you, God is setting the captives free!

If you know of any women seeking freedom from the bondage of their sin, please instruct them to contact Lifespring by phone at (630) 851-0187 to complete an intake and be placed onto our waitlist.

The name of the Lord is a **fortified tower**;
the righteous **run to it** and are safe.

Proverbs 28:10

Come Alongside the Women with Children Living at Lifespring and Be Part of Their Story

Lifespring continues to strive to take care of the mothers and children who come through these doors. What can you do to help? Pray for our staff and these families during this difficult season of life. Donate monetarily to Lifespring, as well as through gifts-in-kind like nonperishable food, school supplies, toiletries, diapers, wipes, and formula. Volunteer to help with child care, mentoring, sponsoring a birthday party, baby shower, or fun trip, or by leading a children's Bible study, craft, or recreation time. Please contact our program coordinator, Morgan Baumert at mbaumert@waysidecross.org, or by phone at (630) 952-1103, if you are interested in serving our families.



TANGIBLE BEAUTY



Nurturing a garden is a lot like nurturing the women in our program. Women come to Lifespring searching for redemption, and when the soil of their hearts is right, the Lord brings a harvest of new life.

Thank you for helping tend to the growth of the women here at Lifespring. We're so grateful to God for His steadfast provision, and we pray that we'll see evidence of His new life in each of the women who pass through these doors.

VOLUNTEERS AT LIFESPRING

Thank you for all the volunteers who love our women and children. It is not uncommon to hear from a volunteer that it is as much a blessing to serve the residents at Lifespring as it is for the residents being served. God uses volunteers in unimaginable ways, and we are grateful to each and every one of them.

Volunteers make a huge difference and play a vital role in the ongoing ministry at Lifespring. Meeting the needs of the homeless and addicted is such a large task that the staff simply can't do it alone. That's why individuals like you are needed to serve as volunteers: to come alongside Lifespring staff and to work as one.

NEEDS LIST

Hand Sanitizer	Deodorant
Razors	Body Wash
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Hi Lighters	Back Packs
Colored Pencils	Tab Dividers
Tylenol	Gallon Ziploc bags
Ethnic Hair Products	Adult Cold Medicine
Pepto-Bismol	Large Plastic Bins
Milk Crates	Hangers
Alarm Clocks	120-180 Watt Lightbulbs
Cooking Spices	Jelly
Pasta Sauce	Cereal

Questions & Answers With Lifespring Staff

Q: Why does the ministry of Lifespring exist?

A: Lifespring exists not just to meet the physical needs of the women who seek shelter here – Lifespring exists to introduce women to Christ, and in doing so, we desire to welcome them into the family of God.

Q: What does a typical day of ministry look like?

A: There really is no typical day. Every day presents new opportunities to speak truth into the lives of lost and hurting women.

Q: What does Lifespring currently need the most?

A: Lifespring is currently in need of mentors who can have a discipleship relationship with our women.

Q: Why should I get involved/why should I help?

A: When you support Lifespring, women have a place to seek refuge. Your support gives them safe shelter and hot meals, but more importantly, you give them a place to study the Bible and learn about the hope Christ offers.

Q: How can my church get involved?

A: If you, your church group, or co-workers would like to serve at Lifespring, **please mark your calendar** and join us for one of our Gather N' Go Nights that occur every 12th day of the month, to learn about our volunteer opportunities.

Also, if you'd like a Lifespring staff member to visit your Bible study or church to share about the work being done here, please contact the ministry director, Jody Cantey at jcantey@waysidecross.org or call (630) 851-0187.

Save the Date

27 September 2018 at 5:30 PM

Plans for Hope and a Future

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11

Lifespring 14th Annual Benefit Event

Since the 1950's, Lifespring Center has welcomed women, many with children, who have lost their way due to addiction, domestic violence or other life-altering crises. Women come to Lifespring to encounter Christ, and work hard to regain their self-worth and dignity.

Join us in celebrating our 14th Annual Lifespring Benefit Event. The evening includes a plated dinner, silent auction and fun raffles. Tickets are \$75 per person

Register now for the Lifespring Event:
www.waysidecross.org/events



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THE FAMILIES OF LIFESPING

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OUTDOOR COMFORTS

Lifespring Ministry was blessed with a group of volunteers from Highpoint Church in Aurora who gave of their Saturday afternoon to help create a beautiful, relaxing, and safe outdoor space for our residents to enjoy.

The volunteers spent time, planting flowers, painting and arranging outdoor furniture. The space they created has been well utilized by our residents. Thank You!



How You Can Support Lifespring

Lives are transformed every day at Lifespring through the power of God and His Word. He uses people like you to accomplish His work in the lives of so many. If you would like to donate to Lifespring Ministry, please contact the ministry director, Jody Cantey at jcantey@waysidecross.org or call (630) 851-0187.

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 12th day of the month from 6:00-7:00 PM.

ONE YEAR GRADUATION On Monday, September 3, 2018 at 5:00 PM, Lifespring will be graduating one of our residents.

ANNUAL BENEFIT Our annual benefit event will be on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 5:00 PM at Danada House.

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