

MINISTRY

# HIGHLIGHTS



*Please Join Us on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM*

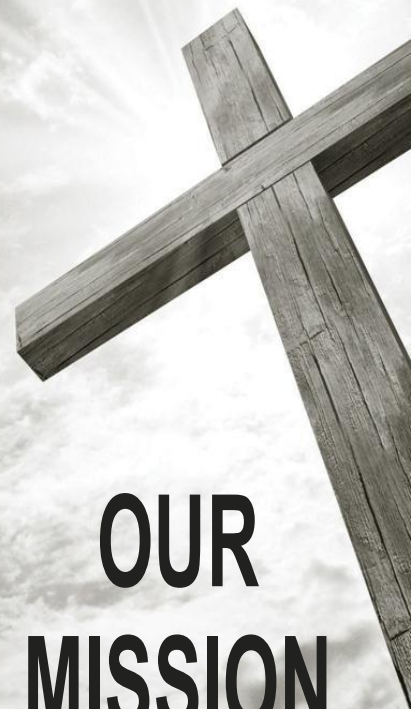
Please consider continuing to support Lifespring Ministry by attending this year's benefit dinner at Danada House in Wheaton, Illinois on Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 PM.

This year we would like to celebrate the stories that come out of Lifespring – stories of how women come to Lifespring and leave transformed, stories of how volunteers make an impact and in turn are impacted during their time here, and stories of how

God continues to do a mighty work in our midst, just to name a few.

Your partnership has and will continue to enable our stories to carry on and become more developed. God is not done doing a work in and through us and we trust Him to provide for us as we continue to grow.

Thank you for all your prayers and support – they are greatly treasured.



## 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

**RECOVERY VS. MADE NEW** Learn how Lifespring addresses residents' addiction concerns. **MEET THE SPEAKER** We are blessed to invite to our speaker Lina AbuJamra to our annual benefit dinner. **WHERE ARE THEY NOW** Learn about a new program being offered through our ministry. **PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION** Hear from one of our ministry partnerships.

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# RECOVERY VS. MADE NEW



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH. THOUGH AT LIFESPRING WE ARE KEENLY AWARE THAT MANY OF OUR RESIDENTS STRUGGLE WITH ADDICTION CONCERNS, IT IS OUR HOPE THAT OUR WOMEN WOULD NOT SIMPLY RECOVER THEIR FORMER SELVES, BUT WOULD HOWEVER BECOME A NEW CREATION.

At Lifespring it is not unusual that the women seeking shelter here are wrestling with some type of addiction. This is especially true because not all of our new residents have a negative urinalysis screening upon entrance. Potential residents can enter our program as *Safe in Place* if they are still testing positive for illicit substances upon admittance. This is determined on a case by case basis.

At Lifespring, we do not shy away from working with the women to address their addiction concerns. We desire for all the women who come through our doors to break free from sinful patterns, addictions, and all forms of idolatry, but not so that they can simply regain or recover broken relationships, financial stability, health, etc.

It is our desire that the women would surrender their lives to Christ and that they would subsequently walk as a new creation. And though regaining those things listed above will naturally begin to occur for those who are living a surrendered life, helping the women grow in Truth will always be our first priority.

We have full confidence in the redeeming power of the Gospel. As such, we continually stress the importance of being equipped with truth so that the Holy Spirit can enable them to exercise self-control and to battle the desires of the flesh.

As a mandatory part of the curriculum, our women participate in a biblically based relapse prevention group every Monday and Friday evening that focuses not only on chemical addiction, but on all forms of idolatry.

In addition to the relapse prevention programming provided to the women in house, our residents also have the

opportunity to concurrently participate in outpatient substance abuse treatment with one of our local partnering treatment providers (Breaking Free, Inc. and Gateway Foundation) as part of our *Safe in Place* program. There is also the option to work intensively with our trained staff independently for those desiring not to seek outside treatment.

If you know of any women struggling with an addiction or any form of idolatry, who could benefit from our program, please instruct them to contact Lifespring by phone at (630) 851-0187 to complete our intake process and be placed onto our waitlist.

**“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 A FUTURE AND A HOPE.”**  
JEREMIAH 29:11

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## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

For various reasons, some women are not able to complete our one year Redeemed for His Work program; whether it is due to finally being accepted into housing or whether there is a limitation preventing them from being successful.

For some that means that they will go their own way, and we as a staff team trust in God to continue to be doing a work in their lives. However, as of more recently, some of those women have been able to take part in one of our newer programs that allow them to come and participate in the various classes offered during the day even though they are no longer a resident.

This allows these women to remain in a healthy community and to benefit from the biblical teaching that occurs in all of the classes here. This opportunity allows these women to continue to be built up and in turn allows our residents to continue to glean from them and be mutually encouraged.





# MEET THE BENEFIT DINNER SPEAKER

Lina AbuJamra is a pediatric ER doctor and founder of Living with Power Ministries. Her vision is to bring hope to the world by connecting biblical answers to everyday life. Lina has authored several books including: Thrive. The Single Life as God Intended, Stripped. When God's Call Turns from "Yes! to "Why Me?" and Resolved. 10 Ways to Stand Strong and Live What You Believe. You can listen to Lina's podcast on iTunes or Podbean and watch her inspire thousands via the Faith Booster and other Bible teachings on YouTube and Vimeo.

Today's Single Christian on Moody Radio and the host of Morning Minutes, a daily audio devotional available on her website and app.

Lina has spent the last 15 years speaking at conferences, college chapels, and retreats. She gained experience teaching Bible studies while directing the ministry for three years at Harvest Bible Chapel in Rolling Meadows, IL. She now spends most of her time traveling all over the world telling others about love. Her teaching will ignite your heart for Jesus.

Lina's most recent adventure has taken her back to the Middle East and her birth country, Lebanon, where she is providing regular medical care for Syrian refugees. Born in Beirut, Lebanon, Lina now calls Chicago home. She is single and a huge Packers fan, and would not survive without her iPhone.



## 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

*As manager of the New Day Program at the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago – a 90 day substance abuse program for women– I am always concerned about the next steps for my ladies.*

*Lifespring has been a blessing to us to have as a resource we can refer our women to. Initially, we take them to visit so they can decide if they want to apply to continue their program of recovery there. The staff at Lifespring is always welcoming and helpful on these visits and several of our ladies have made the move there after completing our program. We are grateful for the program at Lifespring and hope to continue our relationship.*

**Beth Bilsley**  
Manager  
New Day Program  
Pacific Garden Mission



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# CELEBRATING STORIES

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## Save the Date

Thursday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Doors open at 5:30 PM

## Danada House

3s501 Naperville Rd.  
Wheaton, Illinois 60189

Host a table and invite your friends!

For additional information and to RSVP:  
Email [jcantey@waysidecross.org](mailto:jcantey@waysidecross.org)

**Please RSVP by September 20, 2018**

*Tickets are \$75 per person*

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: LINA ABUJAMRA

Lina is the founder of Living With Power Ministries. She is a pediatric emergency room doctor by profession and is passionate about empowering people with biblical truth. A popular Bible teacher, blogger, and conference speaker, she is the author of three books. She reaches listeners through weekly podcasts and a daily Morning Minutes devotional, and is engaged in providing medical care for Syrian refugees in the Middle East. You can hear Lina on Moody Radio hosting Today's Single Christian and find her boosting your faith all over social media.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY**

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## 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of the month from 6:00-7:00 PM.

**ANNUAL BENEFIT** Our annual benefit event will be on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 5:30 PM at Danada House, Wheaton, IL.

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