

MINISTRY

# HIGHLIGHTS

## Thank You for a Great Year



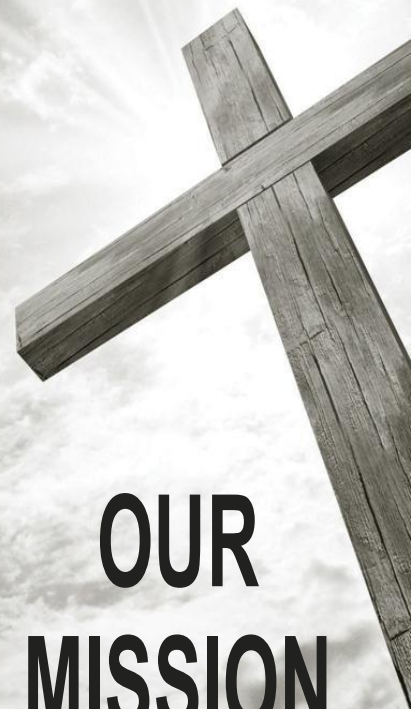
The Christmas season was an especially active time at Lifespring Ministry, and we are so thankful for everyone who made this time a special one for the women and children who live here. There were wonderful events and celebrations here organized with the help of

caring and generous volunteers who want to make a difference in someone's life.

We rely heavily on support from our community to make these things a reality and to help us serve our families. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time, talents, and services to Lifespring over the year.

You have shared in the labor of ministering to the women and children who enter these doors. These women often come to Lifespring broken, hurting and in great need. We could not have been longstanding without you.

If you would like to volunteer your time or talents, please reach out to our program coordinator, Morgan Baumert, at [mbaumert@waysidecross.org](mailto:mbaumert@waysidecross.org) or call (630) 851-0187.



## 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 GROWTH** We stand in awe of the work God is doing in women's lives here at Lifespring. **PARENTING** Lifespring Ministry implements a new curriculum to help teach mothers new parenting skills. **FOSTERING DISCIPLESHIP** For our residents we desire to see them raised up to be women who share the gospel with those around them.

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# Celebrating Growth

LIFESPING MINISTRY HAS BEEN SO BLESSED TO SEE THE WORK GOD IS DOING IN THE LIVES OF THE WOMEN WHO COME TO LIFESPING AND THE GROWTH THEY CONTINUE TO ACHIEVE. THOUGH NOT EVERY WOMAN WHO WALKS THROUGH THESE DOORS WILL REACH THEIR ONE YEAR GRADUATION, OR EVEN THEIR SIX MONTH CELEBRATION, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT EACH AND EVERY WOMAN WHO WALKS THROUGH THESE DOORS LEAVES HAVING HEARD THE GOSPEL.



At Lifespring we give all the credit to God for the growth we get to witness in our women throughout the course of the year. It is only through His word and His grace that the women are able to begin to tackle the idols of their hearts, deep-rooted sin, and finally begin to experience the true redemptive power of the cross.

Our women come here from all walks of life. Some are trying to leave behind old habits, and some are

trying to get out of bad relationships. Regardless of the reasons that our women find themselves here, one thing is clear, and that is their need to grow in their relationship with God.

At Lifespring our women participate in daily Bible study, work through a Bible-based curriculum, and meet with a biblical counselor. For the women who truly take advantage of the resources made available to them, it is amazing to see God transform them into a new creation.

We have witnessed women grow into someone who is almost unrecognizable from when they first arrived. We've seen women learn to walk in His ways instead of their own.

It is our hope for the coming year that we will continue to witness this growth in the lives of the women who call Lifespring home.

If you know of any women in need of our program, please instruct them to contact Lifespring by phone at (630) 851-0187 to complete an intake and be placed on our waitlist.

**But be sure to fear the LORD and SERVE HIM FAITHFULLY with all your heart; consider what great things he has done for you.**

**1 Samuel 12:24**



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## Lifespring Implements Parenting Curriculum

For various reasons, many of our women come here having limited or no parenting skills. That is why Lifespring Ministry has started to work intensively with these mothers. Beginning this year, Lifespring has started working through a curriculum that focuses on providing its participants with effective and healthy parenting and essential life skills. When we work with these mothers, we are hoping to not only make a positive difference in the mothers' lives but also for their children and the generations yet to come.



# A LOOK AT THE NUMBERS



Lifespring Ministry has had the privilege of coming alongside 43 residents and 33 children throughout 2018.

During that time staff was blessed to be able to witness God bring three of those women to their six-month celebration and three of those women to their year graduation.

## BLESSINGS FROM DIVERSE PLACES

Lifespring has the privilege of having many different volunteers come in and teach Truth to our women. Some are pastors, some are young, and some are old, some come from similar backgrounds of our women and some struggle to relate. Despite the various experiences of our teachers and volunteers they all have one thing in common and that is how much their time and dedication serves as a blessing to our families here at Lifespring. We could not do it without you. Thank You! not carry on in ministry without the faithful service of our volunteers.

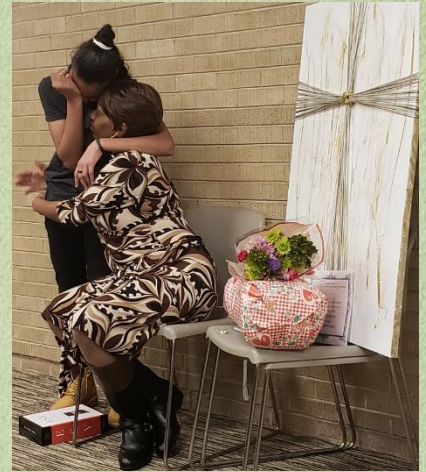


### NEEDS LIST

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| Hand Sanitizer       | Ibuprofen           |
| Cough Drops          | Body Wash           |
| Hi Lighters          | Back Packs          |
| Colored Pencils      | Tab Dividers        |
| Tylenol              | Gallon Ziploc bags  |
| Ethnic Hair Products | Adult Cold Medicine |
| Pepto-Bismol         | Large Plastic Bins  |
| Hangers              | Cooking Spices      |
| Alarm Clocks         | Jelly               |
| Pasta Sauce          | Cereal              |

**Urgent:** New Unused Pillow

## FOSTERING DISCIPLESHIP



Every person is unique, and that makes every story behind a women's entrance into Lifespring unique.

When a woman comes into the program, we only know as much as she wants us to know. This can be minimal sometimes – just the basics. It is our desire that should she enter the program things would slowly begin to change. Personal history, however distressing, starts to come out of the shadows.

As we continue to peel back layers of poor foundation apparent in the lives of these women an opportunity is afforded to begin to rebuild and to teach her about the only true and firm foundation, which at Lifespring, we believe to be Jesus Christ.

As women begin to surrender their lives to Christ we as staff desire that they would, in turn, become women who truly engage others with the gospel. That is why at Lifespring we encourage residents who have been in the program for a while come alongside those just arriving.

It is our desire that our program would be about making disciples and encouraging discipleship not merely about providing shelter or food though those things are provided. Please pray that God would be raising disciples.

# "TOPGOLF" FUNDRAISER

Lifespring Ministry is excited to host our second annual Topgolf event this March.



On Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Lifespring Ministry will host its second annual fundraising event at Topgolf in Naperville, IL! Last year's event was a great success, and we hope that this year God would use the fundraiser to spread awareness and to help us meet our financial needs for the coming year. Please begin covering this event with your prayers.

## Celebrating With Family



This year Lifespring Ministry has had several opportunities to invite the families of our residents to come in and enjoy a meal and to see the work being done through God in their loved one's lives.

We are grateful that our residents have the support of their loved ones while they are here growing in their faith. Thank you, families, for the work you do for our women!

## AN OUTPOURING OF GENEROSITY

Thank you to those who graciously donated food and supplies for our women and children. We were blessed with an abundance of canned goods, toiletries, and supplies throughout the course of the year. Those supplies ensure that our families are well cared for while they are here at Lifespring.

For more information on our current needs please reach out to our program coordinator Morgan Baumert at [mbaumert@waysidecross.org](mailto:mbaumert@waysidecross.org) or call (630) 851-0187.



## OUR MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT

We are so grateful for all of you. We have had an outpouring of generosity from all of you this year, and it has been such a great reminder of the love we have from our Heavenly Father. Thank you to everyone who has helped us make 2018 a successful year and who will continue to ensure that the years ahead are filled with growth and truth. Please keep Lifespring in your prayers and consider making a financial contribution to help further the work being done here.

## 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.

**TOPGOLF FUNDRAISER** On March 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 or 4:00-6:00 PM, Lifespring will be hosting its first ever fundraiser at Topgolf, located in Naperville, IL.

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