

# WAYSIDE CROSS MINISTRIES



*Proclaim Christ and Him crucified*

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT  
2018**

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER



**James Lukose,**  
Executive Director

### Thy Kingdom Come

In Matthew 6:10, after the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, he responded with: “This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.”

*Your kingdom* come was the second request of the Lord’s Prayer. Jesus elsewhere challenged the disciples to “seek first His kingdom and His righteousness...” (Matthew 6:33). And it is that part of the prayer that WCM has been doing for the past 90 years.

In Matthew 13:31-32, Jesus tells the parable about the mustard seed. “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

In 1928, Wayside Rescue Mission started as a place for transient men to find shelter, and also provided them with spiritual and material help. Like the parable of the mustard seed, Wayside Cross Ministries (WCM) has grown to six distinct divisions, serving the destitute, the afflicted, the poor and the powerless.

The true kingdom that we are part of is the body of Christ, His church. And as a parachurch ministry, WCM continues, with the help and commitment of our donors, volunteers and staff, to do God’s kingdom work by addressing both the physical and spiritual needs, simultaneously, not as an either/or. We have been faithfully honoring God by being obedient to His challenge of seeking His kingdom, reaching out to our clients and residents with the power of the gospel for over 90 years. Thereby, many are redeemed and the King of kings is reigning in their hearts.

Several years have passed since “the little mission down by the riverside” opened its doors, and the work that has been done here has not been without toil or perseverance, resting in the words from Psalm 46:10 – “Be still and know that I am God.” In the words of Mary Slessor, a Scottish Presbyterian missionary, “Christ never was in a hurry. There was no rushing forward, no anticipating, no fretting over what might be. Each day’s duties were done faithfully as each day brought them, and the rest was left with God.” As a result, out of the small beginning, we are consistently seeing the fruit of the labor.

WCM is grateful for so many who, through these number of years, have prayed for us, served with us, given to us – generously and sacrificially, believed in and with us, and showed compassion for the hurting and in need.

Once again, we have been blessed with a very fruitful year financially and spiritually, and we covet your continued support and prayers.

# MINISTRY IMPACT

## Master's Touch Ministry

- 53 men graduated Master's Touch Program
- 33 men completed "Designed for a Work"
- 37 graduates found full-time jobs
- 30 men reconciled with wife or family
- 53 men made professions of faith in Christ
- 9 men promoted to full-time resident assistants
- 3 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 20 volunteers each week
- 7 women graduated from the program
- 3 women made a profession of faith in Christ
- 3 women showed remarkable improvement in their communication skills
- 4 families showed remarkable improvement in parenting skills
- The 9 women that entered Phase III of the program (the Phase they can begin work) all obtained jobs

## Urban Youth Ministry

- 412 children participated in youth programing with at least 40% participating year round
- 2914 hours of service by 122 volunteers
- 110 1st – 5th grade students learned 44 Bible stories
- 42 6th grade – 11th grade students participated in an eight week abstinence program
- 2568 healthy meals were served
- 145 children received a free baseball uniform to participate in the Aurora Neighborhood Baseball League
- 31 churches and organizations collaborated to provide free bus transportation/field trips baseball equipment/building and field use/Christmas, Easter and birthday gifts

## Hope Outreach

- Provided 105 men at one time with daily, real-life work experience in our warehouse, transportation department, maintenance shop, housekeeping department, and Hope Chest Resale Store
- Maintained 8 ministry vehicles 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 and World Relief in Aurora, we assisted local churches with 95 family referrals for clothing and housewares
- 1,034 bales at 800 lbs. each of clothing and 395 bags of shoes at 50 lbs. each, for a total of 846,950 lbs. were recycled with the majority of those items going to third world/developing countries
- Partnered with 3 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 20 donation bins at partner churches, collecting 18,012 bags of donated clothing, weighing 396,264 lbs.
- Proceeds from our Hope Chest Resale Store, Sweet Charity Resale Shop, H.O.W., along with our income from recycling clothing, shoes, and scrap metal totaled \$640,836, all of which went to fund the ministry efforts at Wayside Cross Ministries

## New Life Corrections Ministry

- Went to Stateville Prison 24 times, over 8,000 inmates visited
- Held 38 two-day seminars, 1,500 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

- 30 guests placed into life change programs
- 144 monthly volunteers
- 239 new individuals served
- 360 total individuals served
- 10,537 guest sign-ins
- Over 15,806 meals served
- 27,396 cups of coffee served
- 2,246 loads of laundry done
- 832 Bible studies conducted
- 5,878 showers taken
- 6,416 clothing items issued guests



# MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

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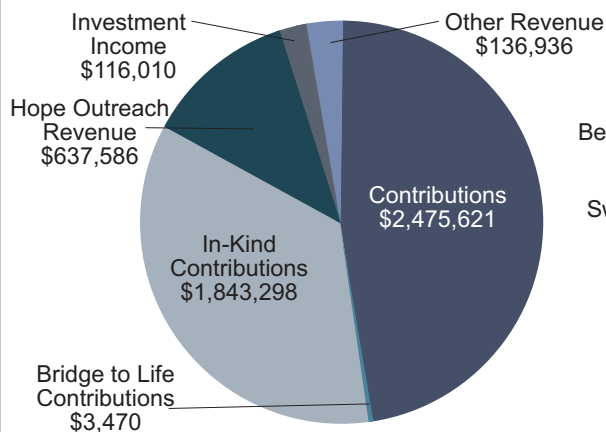
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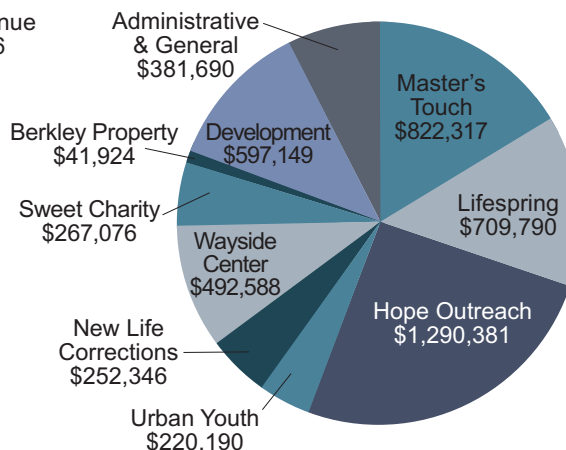
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## 2018 Revenue Sources



## 2018 Program Expenses



### You can help WCM say "Thank You"

Last year WCM sent out thank you post cards to 4000 Annual Campaign donors. We get an excellent response from the people who receive these postcards.

Once again we will need volunteers to help out in August for about an hour. You will address the post card and add a brief message.

Wayside will provide you with a list of names, addresses, postcards and stamps, and a script for you to follow. It is a nice way to say thank you and serves as a reminder for this year's upcoming campaign. Wayside's growth over the years is due to the generosity of its supporters. A note from you and WCM is a good way to keep this going.

If you would like to volunteer,

please contact Birnie Harper, Annual Campaign Coordinator, at 630.723.3427 or by email at [bharper@waysidecross.org](mailto:bharper@waysidecross.org)

This is a good way to support Wayside Cross Ministries' mission:

*"To honor God by loving and serving the afflicted and powerless though sharing the Gospel of forgiveness and hope in Jesus Christ by empowering them to be disciples of Christ."*

### Heritage Society Keeps Growing

The Wayside Cross Ministries Heritage Society was created to honor and recognize loyal, long-term donors. The current number of members has grown to 579 as of the end of 2018. This group of Heritage Society members has made over 48,000 donations to WCM, totaling many millions of dollars.

Many Heritage donors are regular monthly contributors. They provide a steady flow of dollars

each month, a significant blessing in slower months since many make their donations near the end of the year.

Thanks to your sacrificial and generous support, Wayside continues to grow and serve the powerless and afflicted.

*The Heritage Society includes those members who have faithfully and generously made financial contributions to the ministry over the past 15 years with gifts totaling \$3,500 or more.*

## Elgin's Annual Cold Weather Walk

After over a decade of multiple walks in several locations with hundreds of participants, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk-A-Mile-In-My-Shoes at the Wayside Center in Elgin represents thousands of miles hoofed through the years on behalf of the homeless.

Scheduled yearly on the 2nd Saturday in February, the weather is always dicey at best. This year was bearable with wind-chills staying above zero and the welcomed presence of the not-so-frequent sun. With a warm-up that brought rain just a few days prior, the sidewalks were passable after being swept clean of the snow, a treat that the homeless do not always enjoy.

Acting as Grand Marshall, Pastor Ty Gooch of Fellowship Life Church led the walkers on a one-mile walk through the neighborhood before returning to Wayside Center's new location at 453 Fremont Avenue in Elgin for an Open House.





## Throughout 90 Years of Change

Over the past 90 years, the growth and expansion of WCM's Master's Touch Ministry has been well-chronicled. What started as a "soup, soap, and salvation" rescue mission for homeless, transient men, is today, a Bible-based, Christ-centered, comprehensive 6-month residential, life transformation ministry for troubled men whose lives are out of control as a result of drugs, alcohol, or some other destructive behavior pattern. For nine decades, we have regularly reviewed, refined, adjusted, improved, and added to the various program elements in our effort to provide our residents with the tools, both spiritual and physical, needed to confront life-controlling problems and to re-enter society as transformed, fully functioning, God-honoring, productive members. Today's program includes Bible classes, biblically based mentoring, work rehabilitation, nightly chapel services, computer skills training, GED completion, and numerous other elements.

Throughout these 90 years of change, one constant has been the critical role played by the Body of Christ as the "driver" of our ministry. On June 10, 1928, Reverend Scott Withrow, President of the Aurora Ministerial Alliance, preached the opening sermon at the Wayside Cross Mission Dedication Ceremony, in which he stated, "None of us has imagined that this mission in itself would do that which no church has done. It is an expression of that which the church is doing, longs to do, and by God's grace and leadership will do."

Those words are as true today as they were in 1928, and we are thankful beyond words that such is the case.

**Randy Tomassi**  
**Director, Master's Touch**



*Times have changed but the "mission" of doing God's work has not.*



## What does prayer at Lifespring Center mean? Everything!

Every day, Lifespring Center receives calls from women who are in trouble, who need to find a better way, who lack the grace, mercy, and love that a relationship with Jesus Christ offers them and, they need prayer. This is where it all starts, but it requires commitment, not only on the part of the woman in need but also on the part of those who volunteer.

Lifespring Center is blessed to have volunteers who are committed to pouring into the women and children who call Lifespring Center home. Not only do they pray for them, but they also pray with them, and they teach them how to pray, leading them to trust in a God who is compassionate and who is faithful in his promises.

Prayers answered have provided hundreds of hours of classes, event nights, worship sessions, tutoring, job readiness, Bible study, and one-on-one mentoring, thanks to the caring hearts of our interns, staff, and new and veteran volunteers.

And prayer leads to opportunity at Lifespring Center. In this past year, our staff have each accomplished a major educational milestone and are excitedly applying the biblical truths to precious lives, praying and watching for the Spirit-led transformation in the women here.

It would not be possible to accomplish what we do here at Lifespring Center without prayer. We are grateful to all those who give of their time, of their finances and, most importantly, who pray for the women and women with children who want more and who need Jesus Christ in their lives.

Psalm 107:8-9 says: *“Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”*

Most importantly, our prayers are filled with gratitude. We are grateful for our donors, our volunteers, our staff, and for those the Lord draws into Lifespring Center, who seek to live a God-honoring life through the redemptive love of Jesus Christ.

**Jody Cantey**  
**Director, Lifespring Ministry Center**





## Her Heart Knows the Hearts of the Lost

Few volunteers connect with our guests like Beverley. Few volunteers, however, have felt the depth of pain that she has experienced, and she refuses to waste that pain.

Her life journey began across the sea in the United Kingdom, but after arriving in the United States with her husband, life was given to her spiritual journey. The Lord used the outreach ministry of Christ Community Church in St. Charles along with other providential connections to draw her to Himself. Her new spiritual life began with blossoming growth as she volunteered to serve God with WCM and discovered an incredible giftedness with painting, providing many of the murals that still hang at the Wayside Center.

Then she stopped. Phil Wood, Director of the center, recalls, “All at once, I stopped seeing her around the center, smiling and laughing with the guests. I assumed somehow she got discouraged, offended or felt her energies were needed elsewhere. I had no idea what happened.”

In the fall of 2010, Bev and her husband sent their dear, sweet, full-of-life, 20-year-old daughter back to Hope College in Michigan. After a terrible crash in a small airplane, Emmy would never return home. It seemed that part of Bev would never return either. Bev needed time to grieve.

Then several years ago she called and indicated she was ready to volunteer again. Loaded with her iPad, a projector, worship and teaching videos, along with uplifting movies, each week Bev shares with the guests what has brought her encouragement through very dark times.

She recognizes that the guests at the Wayside Center are all grieving a great loss. Nothing in life can compare with losing a child, but she acknowledges all have lost much. So now she encourages and listens and connects to the heart of guests as few volunteers can. Bev experienced great pain, but she refuses to allow that pain to be wasted.



**Phil Wood**

**Director, Elgin Wayside Center**

## UYM Kids Learn That You Can NEVER Interrupt God When You Pray

It is not uncommon, when the kids are participating in the UYM programs, to hear our staff say, “Please raise your hand” or “Please wait for your turn” or “Please do not interrupt.” So, when we tell the kids there is an instance when these words do not apply, we get their attention. And then they hear these words: you can never interrupt God and He is always ready to listen.



And just like the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1-13), the kids wanted to learn more about communicating with God through PRAYER. That’s a request we were happy to oblige!

At UYM’s 2018 Summer Day Camp, the kids learned how to pray to God, how to respect Him, and how to listen quietly to Him, too! They learned the acronym P.R.A.Y. - **P**raising, **R**epenting, **A**sking and **Y**ielding. Each day, the kids learned that God deserves our *praise*, we must *repent* from our sins, *ask* when you need help, and *yield* to what God wants for you because He knows what’s best, according to *His* plan.



After teaching this to the kids, our staff noticed a difference in their attitudes when it came time to pray. They seemed to take it more seriously, showed more respect during prayer and wanted to pray more often.



Throughout the rest of the summer, it was the kids reminding and asking us to pray which was music to our ears! All the **praise** (Psalms 150) goes to God when we **repent** (Acts 3:19), **ask** (Matthew 7:7) and **yield** (Luke 22:42) to Him.

We are so grateful for our donors whose support provides these kinds of opportunities for the youth in our community, and to all who **PRAY** for UYM, as we strive to give the youth we serve hope in their future through Jesus Christ!

**Robin Sterkel**  
Program Coordinator, Urban Youth Ministry

## Join Jesus in Jail

This is one of many stories that is a result of men encountering a New Life Corrections (NLC), volunteer in jail or prison. How learning about Jesus in the jails and the programs WCM offers helped them out of prison and into a safe place to guide them on their journey to a better life.

## Meet George

George battled drugs and alcohol and anger for most of his life. He lost his battle to prison, but regained new hope through a visit from New Life Corrections, Senior Chaplain, Steve. Steve brought the NLC prison ministry team to Southwestern Illinois Correctional Center, where they presented a two-day “Transforming Dads” class. George was happy to participate in this class, since he was working on restoring his relationships with his two sons, ages 15 and 12. He earned his “Malachi Dads” certificate, and learned more about the Master’s Touch program at WCM.



George was ready for a change. In his words, “I wanted to run to Jesus, flee to God.” Thanks to the work of the volunteers who devote many hours to traveling the state, visiting prisons and jails, and sharing Jesus with the inmates, George found his new hope in Jesus Christ through the Master’s Touch program at WCM. At Wayside George was part of the maintenance team.

George completed the Master’s Touch program in March 2018. He continued to work in the maintenance area becoming a “Resident Assistant Supervisor” for an additional six months. His leadership skills helped him to guide many residents to finish the program. George is now working a full time job at ATMI Precast, which is in line with the type of work he does.

George loves working, he still lives at Wayside, getting spiritual guidance and encouragement. He’s becoming a member at Village Green Baptist Church, and best of all he is spending time with his two sons.

New Life Corrections sees over 10,000 inmates at local and county jails and state prisons. This is done with the help of over 300 volunteers.

Hebrews 13:3 *“Continue to remember those in prison”*

**Steve Madawick**  
**Senior Chaplain, New Life Corrections**



## The Cycle of Serving Continues

Since 1928, we have seen God's provision over many decades. He has provided insight, challenged us, stretched us, and given wisdom along the way to labor faithfully in pursuits that would make a mark on the individuals that we serve, and our community.

Faithful church partners, donors, adult and student volunteers, have provided the people-power needed to serve alongside us to accomplish physical projects large and small. Thousands of projects have been completed over the decades, all because of faithful people who serve the Lord by serving Wayside.

Resident men that we serve, in turn serve Wayside by working at our many job positions. From maintenance, laundry, housekeeping, transportation, warehouse, kitchen, our two resale stores, our men serve Wayside, working daily as a part of their own recovery process. On an almost daily basis, urgent maintenance needs arise, and yet we watch in awe as God often provides skilled resident workers, at the *right time*.

This *cycle of serving* has continued since our inception, and the result is that men, women and children have a safe place and can find hope at Wayside.

**Steve Wise**  
**General Manager, Hope Outreach**



***Volunteers and residents  
work together.***

## 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 over 700 vehicles! In 2018 we detailed 523 cars, with many repeat customers.

H.O.W. teaches residents 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.



## Sweet Charity is Growing

Over the past year, God has answered prayers for an outpouring of blessings on Sweet Charity and the store has seen an improvement in many areas. The store's customer base continues to grow, and many of its customers comment on their positive experience while visiting the store.



God has blessed the store with a steady increase of volunteers who not only serve but add to the pleasant and friendly atmosphere of the store. Currently we have 25 volunteers and four students.

Sweet Charity has been able to add to its staff which has helped with sorting and displaying the growing number of donations that pour in through its doors. This last year Joe Gaskey, a resident at Wayside joined us to assist with the heavy lifting at the store and has been an integral part in helping the store run smoothly.

Adding special sales events has proved to be beneficial with Sweet Charity experiencing its highest sale day, ever, this past October.

All of these blessings has shown that if you entrust something to God, He can and will do amazing things. Proverbs 3: 5-6 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."*



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- 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.

**CORE VALUES**  
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