

Master's Mansion and Wayside Manor A new Phase V program for Wayside Cross

Why is Master's Mansion and Wayside Manor so important to Wayside Cross Ministries (WCM) and the Master's Touch program? The new Phase V program is an essential component of men's long-term recovery, where men transfer from community living at Wayside to interdependent living at Master's Mansion or Wayside Manor. Sobriety, clean living, accountability, and mentoring continues and are a critical component of this phase. Men are also able to give back, as they mentor others in the program at WCM. Most significantly, Master's Mansion and Wayside Manor will be a place where Jesus continues to grow men recovering from addiction and despair. It will be a place of doing life together for these men, drawing strength from one another and from the Lord.

Master's Mansion and Wayside Manor will directly empower our residents as they continue their transition into the future. WCM is grateful and humbled by the partnerships with First Presbyterian Church, the Dunham Fund and Chaplestreet Church and looks forward to doing Kingdom work together, all for the glory of God and for the good of our City.

Master's Mansion

Last year, WCM celebrated its 90th anniversary. It was an exciting time celebrating the history and the work God has done through WCM while, at the same time, looking forward to the next 90 years.



The history of WCM was built on the collaboration with many churches in the community, but throughout WCM's now 91-year history, First Presbyterian has been like a cornerstone to the ministry. In fact, an elder of First Presbyterian, Charles Weiland, was WCM's first Superintendent and many of First Presbyterian

Church's members and elders have served at WCM over the years and at present.

On March 3rd, WCM and First Presbyterian Church celebrated its partnership with the announcement of the new "Master's Mansion," a home that will assist graduates of the Master's Touch program in continuing their recovery. How did this happen?

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First Presbyterian Church owns a home on South 4th St., the PTL House. The house has served various ministries over the years, but recently, those ministries moved to a different location, leaving the house largely empty. First Presbyterian's pastor, Jeff Moore, said this, "Empty houses begin to fall down after a while. We began to pray and ask the Lord Jesus to give us wisdom to use that resource for the Kingdom of God in our community. With all the history with Wayside...it was not a huge step to offer the house as a discipleship home for Master's Touch graduates."

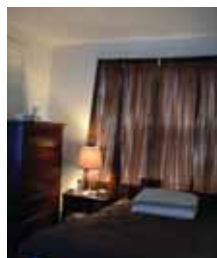
Pastor Jeff continues, "After receiving very favorable responses from city officials, we decided to approach Wayside to see if there was a way to move forward. WCM has the know-how and the experience in this type of ministry. At our first meeting with James Lukose, Executive Director of

WCM it was obvious that the Lord had preceded us. After we shared our vision with him, he unfolded his desire for what he called Phase V of their Master's Touch Program."

And now, that vision is a reality with the Master's Mansion, providing affordable housing for up to seven graduate men in good standing. The house will continue to be owned and insured by the church and is offered at a no cost lease to WCM.

The Master's Mansion doesn't come without the need for a few improvements, though. The City of Aurora required that a fire alarm system be installed, along with plumbing upgrades, additional bathrooms and showers. Also, the home needed some carpeting and interior painting. All these improvements are being completed, thanks to a generous grant from the Dunham Fund.

Wayside Manor



For nearly 100 years, the building that houses our Hope Chest Resale Store, Chapel, and Maintenance Shop has been in existence. Wayside acquired this building in 1979, and opened the store for business in 1980. Since that time, rooms above the store have been used to house our residents and resident staff.

With our desire to begin the new Phase V program, Chapelstreet Church jumped at the chance to, yet again, show their generosity toward Wayside! Covering the costs of

improvements to the existing rooms, along with volunteer teams from Chapelstreet providing the labor, we have been able to complete updates with new flooring, painting, and appliances.

Starting in June, six men in the Phase V Program will make this their home!

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Psalm 91:1-2

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.

Change is Inevitable

We often hear that change is inevitable and the Master's Touch program at Wayside Cross Ministries will soon be experiencing a change. After 16 years of serving as the Director of Master's Touch, Randy Tomassi has announced his well-deserved retirement, effective May 31, 2019.



interesting life of retirement. We wish him the best.

We are excited and happy to introduce Jonathan (Jon) Beall as the new Director of Master's Touch, effective June 1st, 2019. Jon is a graduate of Mid-American Reformed Seminary, Indiana, with his Master of Divinity in 2018. He and his

Throughout the years, Randy has been an invaluable and tremendous colleague and team player. His contagious excitement will be missed by staff and many committed volunteers.

wife, Kim, have two children and live in New Lenox. They are members of New Covenant Community Church in Joliet.

Although we are sad to see him leave, God is opening doors as he starts a new chapter in his

Please join us in welcoming Jon to the WCM family, and in asking our Lord to richly bless him as he ministers to the residents of Master's Touch.

Finding God's Heart at the Crossroads

Recently, a longtime friend of Wayside Cross Ministries, Pastor Gary Olson from Good Shepherd Church, presented a very special gift to the ministry: an original print that has graced his office at the church for some 22 years.

invitation for redemption, healing, and transformation. Now, as the artwork hangs on the wall at Wayside Cross Ministries, it is a reflection of who Wayside serves and the ministries' purpose: transformation.

This piece of artwork was a gift he received during his very first pastoral position in Ohio, where Gary also served at a local shelter for the needy in his spare time. When he accepted the position at Good Shepherd Church in Naperville, Gary encouraged the congregation to get involved with local ministries and, although there were many to choose from, it was no secret Wayside held a special place in his heart.

A special thank you to Pastor Gary for sharing a piece of his heart through such a meaningful gift.

This print of the broken and destitute who find themselves at the crossroads of life is an



Pastor Gary Olson, Good Shepherd Church & Executive Director James Lukose, Wayside Cross Ministries

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