

MINISTRY

HIGHLIGHTS



Please Mark Your Calendars for Our Fifteenth Annual Benefit Dinner!

Last September, we gathered together for an evening to **celebrate** the amazing work God had done at Lifspring 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 Lifspring Ministry at last year's event.

This year, Lifspring staff is looking forward to hosting our fifteenth

annual benefit event! This year's dinner will again be taking place at Danada House in Wheaton, Illinois on Thursday, September 19 at 5:30 PM.

Lifspring staff would personally like to 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 residents, volunteers, church partners, and staff members who are a part of Lifspring 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

WHY LIFSPRING EXISTS Lifspring exists so that women and children can experience the freedom found in Christ. **HELPING HANDS** The

ministry of Lifspring could not take place without the service of our volunteers. **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS** Lifspring staff answers some common questions. **HOW TO HELP** See how you can support the ministry at Lifspring.

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Why Lifespring Exists



GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, AN EVER-PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE. THEREFORE WE WILL NOT FEAR, THOUGH THE EARTH GIVE WAY... PSALM 46:1-2a

Lifespring Ministry exists to provide shelter to women and children and to point them to our Savior.

The families who come to Lifespring Ministry for help have all experienced some level of devastation and loss, discouragement, and deeply rooted hurts.

Lifespring Ministry not only helps women, but strives to be a safety net for children who are homeless and to help them not just survive but thrive despite their circumstances.

Because of your generosity, these families can set aside some of their most basic worries. They don't have to worry where they will find food for the day. Caring people like you have provided the resources needed to

make healthy meals. They can rest easy knowing their family is secure in a safe environment every night. The beds, the linens, the roof over their head, even the cameras that keep danger away are all here thanks to you. You have provided clothing and supplies, and programs to help them overcome homelessness.

You have given these families the freedom to focus on regaining their footing as strong, participating members of our community. That means the time to search for housing and jobs, to earn GEDs, to learn budgeting and parenting skills, and,

for kids who are homeless, the chance to be kids.

In the middle of such a hard and trying time, the kids will have time to heal. They will learn that homelessness and hurt do not define them; that they are God's masterpieces created in Christ Jesus.

If you know of any families seeking shelter this summer, please instruct them to contact Lifespring by phone at (630) 851-0187 to complete an intake and be placed onto our waitlist.

May the **God of hope** fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope **by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Romans 15:13



Lifespring Ministry's Vegetable Garden is Back Up and Running

Due to drainage issues, Lifespring Ministry was not able to have a functioning vegetable garden last year, but thanks to the help of several volunteers we were able to establish a new plot and get our garden functioning again. Though the garden is not huge in scale, it will have a significant impact for us at Lifespring. Having a vegetable garden on site provides the women with the opportunity to learn a new skill as well as to give the women and children access to some fresh produce when the garden begins to flourish.

HELPING HANDS



The families who call Lifespring Ministry “home” are seeing daily reminders of love. Lifespring has been blessed by the many volunteers that have provided their time and talents to help show the women and children who reside at Lifespring that they are loved.

Most recently, four men donated their time and materials to work on our properties landscaping, including uprooting a tree trunk that was left over from a tree that was damaged in a storm last year.

VOLUNTEERS AT LIFESPRING

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 challenging 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.

NEEDS LIST

Hand Sanitizer	Deodorant
Razors	Body Wash
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes
Hi Lighters	Back Packs
Colored Pencils	Tab Dividers
Ethnic Hair Products	Milk Crates
Alarm Clocks	120-180 Watt Lightbulbs
Cooking Spices	Jelly
Pasta Sauce	Cereal

Questions & Answers With Lifespring Staff

Q: What does Lifespring provide?

A: Lifespring provides for the physical needs of the women who seek our help – food, clothing, and shelter. However, Lifespring also cares about and provides spiritual care for the women who come to us. Lifespring exists to introduce women to Christ, and in doing so, we desire to welcome them into the family of God.

Q: How many women and children are helped in a given year?

A: Lifespring Ministry is a (six) month to one year program for women and women with children, and we help an average of 56 women and 32 kids a year.

Q: What does Lifespring currently need the most?

A: Lifespring is currently in need of volunteers to come in and provide childcare for our resident’s children.

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 and 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

for Lifespring's Shelter in the Storm Benefit Dinner

To help provide a new way of life
for women who have lost their way



Thursday, September 19, 2019
Doors open 5:30 pm; Dinner 6:00 pm
Danada House in Wheaton, IL
\$100/ticket; \$800/table
Purchase tickets at <https://ls.cbo.io/>

Dinner, Live/Silent Auction,
Raffle Prizes, and More!

"... Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Luke 15:6

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.

JUMPSTART GRADUATION Please join us on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 5:30 PM to celebrate with us.

ONE YEAR GRADUATION Please join us on Thursday, August 15, 2019, at 5:30 PM to celebrate with us.

CULVERS FUNDRAISER Our next Culver's fundraiser will be on Sunday, July 21, 2019 from 5:00-8:00 PM at Culver's in North Aurora.

ANNUAL BENEFIT Our annual benefit event will be on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 5:30 PM at Danada House.

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