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HIGHLIGHTS



Please Come Celebrate God's Faithfulness with Us at Our Fifteenth Annual Benefit Dinner!

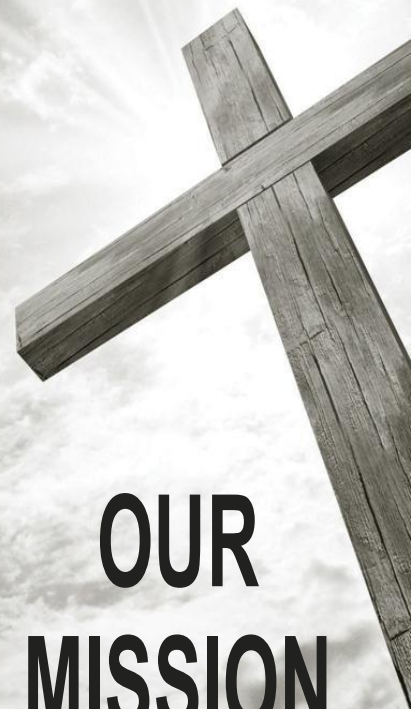
Over the years that Lifespring has had its doors open, we have seen the steady hand of God, and we praise Him for the work He has done. Time after time, we have seen Him use unfortunate circumstances for His good, faithfully meet needs, and move hearts for His glory. What a blessing to see God changing lives as He also uses us to produce His results. Thank you so much for your faithful help and support!

Lifespring Ministry has been reminded continually of three principles of encouragement found

in Ephesians 1:11-12 where Paul shares that God gives us everything, God controls everything, and God receives all the glory!

We serve a great God, and there is none like Him. We can trust *His* control of every situation according to *His* perfect plan for *His* glory.

Please join us at this year's annual benefit dinner as we celebrate God's faithfulness! This year's dinner will again be taking place at Danada House in Wheaton, Illinois on Thursday, September 19 at 5:30 PM.



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

JUMPSTART PROGRAM Learn about a program available to former graduates of Lifespring Ministry. **SUMMER WINDS DOWN** The summer heat is beginning to ease and our youngest residents prepare to return to school. **HOMELESSNESS** Take a look at the common reasons women seek our help. **CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING** See how you can volunteer at Lifespring.

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Summer Winds



Down At Lifespring

NO CHILD CHOOSES TO BE HOMELESS. THEY ARE VICTIMS OF CIRCUMSTANCE. IF YOU LOOK BACK, YOU'LL SEE THAT THEIR PARENTS FELL PREY TO THE SAME TRAPS THAT THEIR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS DID.

Lifespring Ministry houses an average of 32 children every year. As we help our moms get their children prepared for the school year, we are reminded of the impact homelessness has on our littlest residents.

The reality is that exposure to trauma as a child predicts adult homelessness as accurately as any other measure.

That means that kids who grew up abused, surrounded by drugs, in extreme poverty, or on the streets are more likely to end up following that same pattern.

Unless that pattern is broken.

At Lifespring Ministry, we don't only

house and feed people. We help those who come here overcome addiction and other strongholds in their lives. We teach the life skills that they need, but may have never learned before.

We all want to change our community. We all want to change the future and end homelessness, and the truth is, that starts with healing families and rescuing children. Breaking the cycle of homelessness while sharing the love of Christ is the best recipe we know for making the most significant difference.

Your support helps us to work with each woman and child who comes through these doors. Each mom, while they are here, participate in Bible classes,

learning how to study their Bible. In addition to their classes, they have job readiness preparation, and they have opportunities to learn skills for independent living as they help with meal planning and complete household chores.

Our moms also have the opportunity to receive parent coaching to help them better meet their children's needs.

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.

WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.

1 John 4:19

Prayerfully Consider Volunteering at Lifespring

Your time is precious. We know that the greatest gift you have to give is yourself! Amazingly, our volunteers always tell us they get back even more than they give. If you've been thinking about volunteering, why not give it a try? We have a place for everyone and would love to help you find a slot that matches your gifts and talents.

Please contact our director, Jody Cantey at jcantey@waysidecross.org, or by phone at (630) 952-1104, if you are interested in discovering how you can serve at Lifespring.

Causes of HOMELESSNESS



Fleeing domestic violence



Poverty

Job Loss



Lack of affordable housing

Personal or family crisis



Addiction



While each of these causes is different, they all have one thing in common; they can lead to homelessness. That's why your financial support of Lifespring Ministry is so important.

You may not have the financial ability to support Lifespring at this time, but there are many ways that you can assist us on our mission of helping the homeless. Lifespring staff suggests these **5 WAYS YOU CAN SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**:

1. Volunteer your time and talents
2. Donate items
3. Host a drive
4. Come in and share a meal with our families
5. Share this newsletter

Pantry Needs

Paper Towels	HE Laundry Detergent
Peanut Butter	Jelly
Pasta Sauce	Alarm Clocks
Dried Pasta	Spices
Toothpaste	Baking Mixes
Allergy Medicine	Antibiotic Ointment

Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken)

Cooking Oils (Olive, Canola, etc.)

Healthy Snacks (Granola Bars, Graham Crackers, etc.)

Learn About Our Jumpstart Program



For our residents who have successfully graduated from Lifespring, and for varied circumstances find themselves needing to return, there is a program that has been implemented to help them get back on track.

We desire to be a resource to program graduates as they make the transition to independent living, but we know there will be periods where they may need to return for a period of time.

Lifespring Ministry's Jumpstart program is a six-month program meant to get the women back into the word and to reaffirm biblical principles they may have lost sight of when they left Lifespring.

Women who enter this program are expected to find full-time work within the first 30 days of returning, and they are immediately plugged back into Bible study, meeting with a biblical counselor, and receiving case management.

Summer of SERVICE

Lifespring Ministry is truly a blessed community. What makes us so fortunate? People like you. During this time of year we reflect and give thanks to God for all we have been given. We would also like to take time to thank all of the individuals, organizations, and businesses that continue to give back to THIS community in so many ways.



It has been a remarkable year so far with volunteer groups coming in from as far away as Kentucky to serve our women and children. They completed many service projects this summer and have been such a blessing to us.

With the help of the volunteer groups we were able to tackle much-needed building and landscaping maintenance, some organizational projects and to have VBS on-site for our child residents.

Prayer Request

Lifespring Ministry recently had to say goodbye to several staff members and is currently in a transitional period. Please pray for the staff transitions occurring right now. Pray that the new staff would acclimate well and bring a unique wealth of knowledge and experience to what is being done at Lifespring.

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.

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, Sept 8, 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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