

WAYSIDE CROSS MINISTRIES

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Holiday 2022

The best Christmas
gift there is...

Kimberly
has joy and new life,
thanks to you!



DON'T MISS...

2 The Joy that Comes
from Christ

3 "Now I have
my life back."

4 3 Easy Ways
You Can Help

Transforming Lives • Restoring Families • Life-changing Programs

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“Wayside gave me the **HELP I NEEDED** to get my life back.”

Kimberly awoke in a hospital bed, confused and frightened. She had no idea why she was there. No memory of collapsing in her home or the emergency surgery that took part of her leg. The reality hit her hard.

Not so long ago, she had a job she loved. But her mother fell ill and Kimberly quit so she could provide full-time care. And when her mother finally had to go to a nursing home, Kimberly spent all her time there, neglecting her own health. “I’m a type 1 diabetic, and the stress was sending my blood sugar through the roof. I had a blister on my foot that I didn’t realize was getting infected.”

One day, she didn’t show up to visit her mother, and when the police did a well-being check, they found Kimberly on the floor of her home, unconscious. “I don’t remember any of that. I just woke up in the hospital with part of my leg missing because the infection had spread.”

While she was hospitalized, her home went into foreclosure, and when she was discharged, Kimberly was homeless. That’s when she came to Wayside’s Lifespring Shelter for Women, where she found safe shelter, nutritious meals and the time to heal and grow strong. “I needed to learn how to function with my handicap, and now I’m finally able to get up and go to work.”

Meanwhile, through Bible studies and Christian guidance, Kimberly has learned to trust the Lord in all things.

Now she’s looking forward to going back to work and saving money for a home. “I’ve always been self-sufficient and I’m excited to be earning my own money again.”

Kimberly is excited to celebrate the restored hope she has been given this Christmas – and wants YOU to know just how grateful she is. “Wayside gave me the time to catch my breath and the help I needed to get my life back together. Now I’m filled with hope.”

“THEY’VE TAUGHT ME TO GIVE
MY WORRIES OVER TO GOD
AND LET HIM HELP ME.”

To read Kimberly’s complete story, go to waysidecross.org/Kimberlysgift.



Remember Wayside Cross this GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 29

A Message from JAMES LUKOSE

The JOY that Comes from Christ

Don't you just love the words of John 1:14? *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

As we rejoice over the birth of our Savior, it's such a blessing to know God fills our hearts with joy everlasting – today and every day. His faithfulness sustains us through every circumstance and His grace offers renewal in our lives... as well as in the lives of those we serve.

While we do provide Christmas gifts to the guests in our care, what's most important is that they know about Jesus' sacrifice and the gift of salvation that is freely given to us all.

Thanks to your friendship, we're able to share the "good tidings of great joy for all people" during the holidays and throughout the year. Your fervent prayers and ongoing support help restore lives – and wrap local men, women and children in God's loving embrace.

Just like Kimberly, whose story we've shared on page 3, God still works miracles in the lives of people all around us.

This Christmas, we hope your heart overflows with peace, joy

and love as your blessings abound.

In His bond,



James
James Lukose

Executive Director

SHARE A CHRISTMAS MEAL...

You can help make this Christmas a time of celebration for our neighbors who are broken, addicted and abused. With so many obstacles to overcome during this season of hardship, they need a helping hand and the experience of God's love!



\$2.25

for 1 hot meal



\$45.00

for 1 night of
safe housing

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**



Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

Give Before the Year Ends! \$2.3M GOAL

Many of our neighbors are struggling with inflation, soaring gas prices and other hardships that make daily life a struggle. They need a helping hand before they lose their hope completely. **Your year-end gift will give them a chance to transform their lives.**

Your tax-deductible donation before December 31 will help meet our \$2,300,000 goal so even more people can get *help* now... and find *hope* for the new year!



- ✉ Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.
- 📄 Give online at **waysidecross.org**.

**You transformed
hearts & lives this
year...**



**“Before I came to Wayside,
I didn’t care about anybody
but myself. But now, I believe
in God and I put others first.
I’ve been transformed.”**



**“I’m thankful to the Lifespring
program for saving my life
and teaching me to lean on
the Lord for everything.”**

*To read more stories of hope that
YOU helped make possible, visit us
at **[waysidecross.org/stories-of-
hope](https://waysidecross.org/stories-of-hope)**. Thank you for caring about
those in need, and may God bless
you this Christmas!*

3 Easy Ways YOU Can Help this Christmas!

SUPPORT OUR MINISTRIES



You can help save and transform the lives of the broken, addicted and abused by supporting one of our ministries. Go to **waysidecross.org/ministries-and-services** to donate to one of these life-changing efforts.

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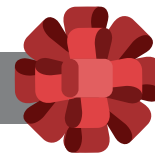
Share your skills, experience and compassionate heart with those on the road to restoration by serving in one of these areas. For more information, contact Tom Davidson at ☎ **(630) 723-3428** or ✉ **tdavidson@waysidecross.org**.

Serve a meal * Teach a class * Host a special event *
Become a mentor * Host a collection drive * Sort donations *
Stock our Thrift Shop shelves

DONATE CLOTHING



Our guests are always in need of new socks and underwear, gently used clothing and shoes, and new shower shoes or flip-flops. Donations can be dropped off at the Warehouse behind our **215 E. New York Street building, in Aurora, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday - Friday.**



Thank you for making this our best Christmas celebration yet!