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WAYSIDE CROSS MINISTRIES WCM **IMPACT**

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MASTER'S TOUCH

Master's Touch Celebrates 85 Years of Ministry



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Core Values

CHRIST-LIKENESS
COMPASSION
COMMITMENT
COLLABORATION
COMMUNITY



WCM IMPACT
is the newsletter of
Wayside Cross Ministries

What started back in 1928 as a rescue mission for men has faithfully grown and transformed into Wayside Cross Ministry's Master's Touch program.

At the annual Friendship Dinner for Master's Touch hundreds gathered to celebrate the ministry's 85th birthday, including an honored guest, Ruth Wagner, WCM Board member and lifelong supporter of WCM. Ruth recently turned 102 years old and fondly recalls the first years of the ministry and continues to serve on the Board of Directors.

The evening's host was Mark Elfstrand of WMBI-FM, accompanied by musical praise from Burt Kettinger of Sound Servant Ministries.



James Lukose, WCM Executive Director and Ruth Wagner.

The special guest was Mike Nawrocki, a creator of the well-known and loved Veggie Tales animation series featuring Bob the Tomato and Larry the Cucumber (Mike Nawrocki is the voice of Larry).



Mike Nawrocki and Mark Elfstrand.

The story of Veggie Tales is a fascinating blend of Christian passion, creative gifts and youthful zeal as the ideas grew out of a puppet ministry started in his college days. The success of Veggie Tales has introduced Bible stories and lessons to millions of kids (and many Grandparents as well). What was even more remarkable, according to Mike, was how he learned to rely on the Lord and not the fame and success of Veggie Tales during difficult financial troubles for the franchise.

Veggie Tales has remained committed to reaching out to kids with the message of the Bible in ways that capture their imagination and become part of their lives. "Remember kids God made you special and he loves you very much" is the way each Veggie Tales episode concludes – a message the Master's Touch ministry embodies each and every day.



Burt Kettinger, of Sound Servant Ministries.

DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Culture Matters



James Lukose
Executive Director

Recently I learned that the average lifespan of multi-national corporations in the developed world is between 40 and 50 years. This means that even good companies will come and go in our lifetime.

We are humbled to say that Wayside Cross Ministries (WCM) has endured 85 years with resilience and growth. A great deal has changed since our beginnings in 1928, and WCM has developed ministries to fulfill the mission of the gospel while remaining faithful to the culture and mission of our founding - the Christ-centered ministry rooted in sound theology, compassion, and empowerment.

When we think of our culture at WCM it means the integration of core values, mission, knowledge, belief, conviction, and our conduct. Therefore, in the ultimate sense, the way we behave defines our culture. IBM's former CEO, Mr. Gerstner, once said that "the company's culture wasn't merely just one aspect of the game, it **is** the game." Our resolve to... be frugal in good and bad times, have a focused strategy, and to act with faith and opportunistically, rather than be driven by just performance, has helped us to be impactful.

Our ministry model is complemented by healthy collaboration with like-minded churches that possess a growing group of committed and passionate volunteers. This continually challenges us to always improve. I'm very grateful for the competent management team, Godly oversight of the Board, and the consistency of the sacrificial and generous financial support of our donors. It has been my privilege to be part of WCM for the last 15 years where the gospel is preached in 'doctrine and in life' and being true to Micah's mandate (Micah 6:8). As someone once said, "true discipleship tolerates no distinction between the inward and the outward, the heart and the hand, the soul and the body." That is our culture.

I couldn't have been more proud when I listened to the two-hour live radio program, aired by Karl Clauson of 1160 AM, from our WCM chapel recently. Every guest that evening - our staff, volunteers, and the Master's Touch ministry residents - truly captured the essence and culture of our ministry - the very ministry that is transformation focused, Christ honoring, and guided by the authority of the Word.

I trust you will get a glimpse of that when you read through the pages of this issue of **WCMiMPACT**. I am eternally thankful for your partnership.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James".

BTL UPDATE

Good News

WCM's Bridge to Life Capital Campaign has reached a very important goal. The \$7.9 million campaign began almost 5 years ago with the commitment to begin building when we reached the 75% mark.

With a commitment of funding through New Markets Tax Credits (and a grant from a private foundation) added to the generosity of so many WCM supporters, we are pleased to announce that we've surpassed the 75% mark!

It's time to get ready to break ground on the new four story 48,000 square foot facility that will replace the existing 100 year old building that now houses the Master's Touch Ministry at 215 East New York Street in Aurora. The new building will provide more appropriate living quarters, classrooms and counseling rooms, a learning center and updated physical plant which will greatly improve efficiency and reduce costs.

Look for an announcement for the ground breaking ceremony in the near future, and continue to pray for this much needed facility.



215 East New York Street

WYLL - AM 1160 Visits WCM

Recently Karl Clauson, host of WYLL AM 1160's 180 - Your Life... A New Direction visited WCM on his Spring Tour for a live broadcast. The program featured interviews with WCM staff and Master's Touch residents.



"There's no better example in Chicagoland of the grace of God in motion than at Wayside Cross Ministries." – **Karl Clauson, WYLL**



"I was a retired pastor and I was wondering 'Has God got something for me to do?' WCM and I came together at exactly the right time. I started with counseling a couple of guys once a week and soon my church was more involved by doing a Chapel service at WCM – so we're preaching and teaching and mentoring and counseling. Good things are happening here!" – **Frank Yonke, Volunteer**

"Men come here with varying destructive behavior patterns in their life – drugs, alcohol, what have you, but we offer them the one and only solution of being in an abiding deep relation with Jesus Christ."

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



"The ingredients to continued success are that our men must remain clean and sober, our men must remain connected with the church, and committed to walking the walk and living with Christ." – **Dan Olson, Aftercare Coordinator**

A key ingredient of transformation in Christ is having "mature Christian men to sit down, get face to face, knee cap to knee cap, and shepherd a man through this process here and through the greater context of his life. That's why these volunteers who come in and do the one-on-one mentoring are arguably the most important men to our ministry. Because that's how life change takes place."

– **Randy Tomassi**



Karl – "I want to ask you what's the fresh story that God's been doing in your life as a result of this Master's Touch program?" **Reggie** – "He's strengthening my desire and my willingness, he's drawing me closer and closer to him day by day. He's giving

me a stronger desire to seek him. I'm praising him, loving him. I'm walking in obedience to Christ Jesus. That's my desire."

"About 40 or so guys work in our warehouse in our work rehabilitation program. And that's what really makes the ministry here at WCM pretty unique. We have this work rehabilitation component which provides a structured schedule and a good workday."

– **Kale Little, Hope Outreach Coordinator (on right)**



"I came here initially as a reluctant volunteer because a professor told me I should go experience the broken. So I came here reluctantly but God broke my heart and I've been here for eight years and it's so good. As I heard the stories of these men my whole belief system got turned upside down." – **Keith Schauer, Volunteer**

"When I came here they told me I needed to do three things. I needed to get deep into the Word, I needed to find a church home, and I needed to get on my face and pray to the Lord. Ever since then God has truly transformed my life." – **Darnell**



What Happens When You Give?

On a daily basis generous Fox Valley area residents donate hundreds of items to WCM through various donation options and we want to say thank you.

We would like to give a bit of insight into our whole process so you can see how we utilize the items that you donate.

Follow along from start to the final destination.

ITEMS CAN BE DONATED IN ONE OF THREE WAYS.



GENEROUS DONORS



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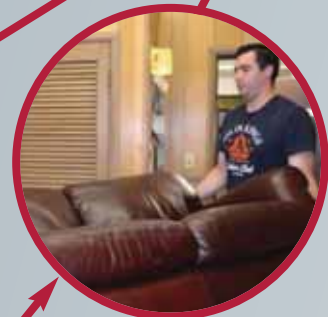
2 DOCK DROP-OFF

Drop items off at our dock.



3 DONATION BINS

Take items to one of our new donation bins located at some of our partner churches.



HOME PICK-UP



DISTRIBUTION PROCESS

If you would like to schedule a pick-up please call 888.723.5730 and ask for scheduling. Items can be dropped off at 215 E. New York St., Aurora during normal business hours. Thank you for your generosity.

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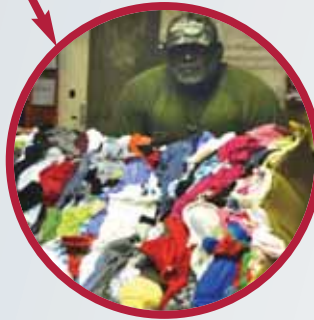
For those people in our community who are in need due to a recent tragedy or other circumstances, we have a *Community Outreach* program that provides items to them at no cost.



Another area of distribution is our *Hope Chest Resale Store* which not only helps fund the ministries of WCM but also serves a need for affordable shopping in our surrounding area.



Often times we have needs that arise within our building and staff offices, such as the need for a new door or filing cabinets that can be easily filled by items donated rather than spending crucial funds out of our budget.



The last option for distribution is the sale of recycled materials.

We recycle scrap metal as well as clothing and shoes that are too soiled or worn which in turn brings in more funds for the Kingdom work being done here.



Along with passionate volunteers the majority of our receiving, sorting and distribution process is handled by residents of our Master's Touch men's program. This work rehabilitation component to our residential program is one of the things that makes Master's Touch unique.



**Michael
Sorting Supervisor**

We have come to see that due to several reasons including homelessness and drug/ alcohol addiction, many of our residents have not held steady employment in the years prior to coming to Wayside.

These men are given an opportunity to work six days a week in our warehouse, resale store and on the donation trucks that facilitate our pickups. This gives them the chance to orient themselves to a normal schedule, feel a sense of pride in the work they accomplished and build their resume. Another opportunity exists when we bring former residents on as staff members at WCM. The most recent addition to our staff is Michael, Sorting Supervisor who was welcomed in March and currently assists in our warehouse sorting department.

Please consider donating your gently used items so they can be put to good use.



New Washer for Wayside Cross Ministries

Washing clothes here is a big task. Every week the clothes and linens for up to 95 men have to be washed in our laundry. We traditionally maintain a laundry of donated used washers and dryers and maintenance can be an issue.

Thanks to the efforts of our donors Brad and Gail Van Horn and the generosity of Dexter Laundry in Fairfield Iowa, Wayside now has a commercial washing machine that makes our task easier. It washes faster and cleaner and saves water. Thanks to the Van Horns and Dexter Laundry.

Parking Lot Sale

On April 27th the Hope Outreach division held the first of three Parking Lot Sales scheduled for this year. Accompanying the sale for the first time was a representative from Moody Radio who we are so thankful to have as one of our partners. Moody, amongst other local radio stations, is an integral part of getting the word out about our spring and summer sales. These yearly sales are an opportunity for us to make more room for incoming donations and provide even better deals than are normally found in the Hope Chest Resale Store. We sold anything from old cameras to children's bicycles with all of the proceeds going to help fund the ministry at WCM. After the tents came down and everything was loaded up we were blessed to have had one of the best sales yet. We would like to thank everyone who came out and supported us. If you are looking for incredible deals and would like to help the mission of WCM please come out for the next two sales scheduled for June 29th and August 24th from 10:00am – 4:00pm.



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NEXT 2 SALES
June 29th and
August 24th



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Annual Campaign Update



The Wayside Cross Annual Campaign continues to grow. Collections thus far this fiscal year exceed \$480,000 and are up 5% compared to last year, with more donors making generous donations. The campaign provides over 25% of the funds needed to continue the transformation in men's and women's lives that takes place every day.

Birnie Harper, Annual Campaign Coordinator, stated "We are blessed to

have a generous, loyal and growing group of supporters. Their generosity matters to us, because we cannot exist without them. We also have a wonderful group of volunteers. Many of them have worked on the Annual Campaign for 20, 30, 40 or even 50 years."

WCM has had an Annual Campaign every year of its existence. The 85th campaign will kick off in August. We will need your support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Helping the Annual Campaign is not the complicated job it once was. All you have to do is address and write a note (we supply the script) on a post card to 10-15 people who already support us, encouraging them to donate to the campaign. No phone calls, we supply all material including stamps.

If you would like to join the group of over 130 volunteers who work on the campaign, call (630-723-3427) or email (bharper@waysidecross.org) Birnie Harper.

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Remembering Wayside Cross Ministries in your estate planning is a responsible and generous way to honor the Lord.

BENEFITS OF ESTATE PLANNING

- Ensuring that your generosity will continue beyond your lifetime
- Providing your heirs with potential tax benefits
- Inspiring others to follow your example

There are a wide variety of planned giving opportunities which donors may utilize to meet their charitable giving and estate planning needs. Charitable planned gifts can be an important part of any financial or estate plan, and should be made in consultation with a qualified financial planner or estate planning attorney. Following is a partial list of the various types of planned gifts available:

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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.

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