

WAYSIDE CROSS MINISTRIES' WOMEN'S SHELTER RECEIVES a \$15,000 GRANT FROM the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley

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Wayside Cross Ministries, a non-profit Christian organization, received a grant award from the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley in the amount of \$15,000 to replace the leaking and worn roof at its women's transitional shelter, Lifespring Center. The new roof has been installed and is contributing to the internal environment of the shelter, as it has eliminated constant leaks and falling tile. This grant award has helped Lifespring make its living conditions comfortable for women, infants and children.

Excited about the new roof, Jody Cantey, the Director of Lifespring Center, a division of Wayside Cross Ministries, said, "A sound roof over your head is something many people take for granted, but our residents know what a precious provision it is. Our new roof has significantly improved insulating materials that will keep Lifespring Center residents comfortable for many years and will allow us to continue ministering to our women and children in security."

James Lukose, Executive Director of Wayside Cross Ministries, also expressed gratitude about receiving the much needed grant, "We are very thankful to the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley for extending this generous grant to help bridge the gap between our existing funds and the balance that was needed to make this new roof become a reality. The timing of this grant could not have been better due to Lifespring's crucial need."

This past week, Rick Guzman, member of the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley visited Wayside Cross Ministries, along with Julie Christman, Director of Community Involvement and Partnerships.



Al Tierney, WCM and Julie Christman

[About the Community Foundation:](#)

The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley is a non-profit, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization that administers individual charitable funds from which grants and scholarships are distributed to benefit the citizens of the Greater Aurora Area, the TriCities and Kendall County, Illinois. Founded in 1948, the Foundation provides a simple and powerful approach to charitable giving. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations have the opportunity to custom design their own named funds that reflect their charitable goals and interests. Since its inception, the Community Foundation has grown to more than \$75 million in assets and has awarded more than \$60 million in grants and scholarships. For more information on the Foundation, visit www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org.

[About Wayside Cross Ministries:](#)

Wayside Cross Ministries is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization that offers Bible-based, Christ-centered programming. Wayside provides free essential and supportive services for the impoverished and underserved people in its communities. The board, servant leaders and staff at Wayside Cross Ministries offer a biblical avenue for Christians who want to help the hurting and needy. Our programs and infrastructure provide transforming pathways to those who would be lost without them. Drugs, alcohol, sexual addictions and violence are a few of the many forces entrapping people, and all of these pathways lead to destruction.

What began in 1928 as a soup, soap, and salvation mission has transformed into what we see today – a mission guiding lives with the word of God toward a shining light of hope and fruitfulness. Throughout our six divisions, we witness the transforming power of the Gospel at work in the hearts and minds of individuals and families as they receive the skills and training needed to lead a productive, Christ-centered life.

For more information on Wayside Cross Ministries and on how to make donations, go to www.waysidecross.org/donate-online.

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