



# A Vocational Vision

In our last issue of Newsline, we shared the exciting news of our vocational building’s construction. With the facility now up and running, we’re looking for partners to help us take the program to the next level. Here’s how you can get involved:



**Provide vocational training.** Do you have a trade-skill that you’d be willing to share? You could be a guest instructor for an afternoon, giving our kids the chance to learn something new, hear about career opportunities, and to be inspired by the time you have invested in them!

**Share your supplies.** We have an ongoing need to keep our vocational building stocked with everything from basic shop supplies like dust masks and sandpaper to project materials like lumber and stain. Maybe you or your business has items available to pass along—we’ll get supplies we desperately need and you’ll get a receipt for making a tax-deductible contribution!

**Give.** A program like this is well above and beyond what the State is willing to fund when it comes to caring for youth in crisis. Yet we wholeheartedly believe in the potential of the youth we’re serving and we are willing to invest in them. But we need partners to keep it going. Our goal is to raise \$100,000 over the next 12 months.



## Get Involved

### Stay Connected

- Have a Facebook account? Like the Lifeline and Crosswinds Facebook pages and share your thoughts about our organizations.

Crosswindspage:[www.facebook.com/crosswindsyouthorg](http://www.facebook.com/crosswindsyouthorg)  
Lifeline page: [www.facebook.com/lifelinefortwayne](http://www.facebook.com/lifelinefortwayne)

- Like to blog? Share a story about Lifeline or Crosswinds.

### Prayer Support

The children and families in our care are working through a difficult time in their life. Please pray for them as well as our staff as we work to help these individuals to find hope.

### Donate to Lifeline

If you would like to make a financial contribution toward Lifeline’s Chapel initiative or Vocational Vision, you can do so by sending a check marked “chapel” or “vocational” in the envelope provided or by going online to [lifelineyouth.org](http://lifelineyouth.org) and clicking “Donate Online” under the “Join Us” tab.

### Donate to Crosswinds

Interested in supporting a Crosswinds initiative? Visit the “Support Us” tab on [crosswindsyouth.org](http://crosswindsyouth.org). Then choose to “Donate Now”. You may also use the envelope provided.

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## “Act Like You’ve Been There” *By Mark Terrell, CEO*

My wife and I had the thrill of a lifetime as we watched our son become the 16th player to ever throw a touchdown pass on his first play as a division one quarterback. I would love to tell you that we were composed, sitting quietly in our seats and clapping our hands as if this was an everyday occurrence.

Instead, we jumped up and down, high-fived anyone within reach, and screamed and yelled as if our life depended upon what had just happened. Not only was our reaction an embarrassing spectacle, but we broke our family rule of “acting like you’ve been there before.” This rule was enacted to help our kids keep their composure when something great happened to them—apparently that goes for us as parents, too!

To be honest, there are times as the CEO of Lifeline and Crosswinds that I just want to jump up and down and embarrass myself when I consider all of the amazing things that have happened over the last year. Instead, I have

stoically sat in my seat and acted as if the things that have happened are everyday occurrences. No big deal. Wrong! It is a big deal ...

- That we’ve increased the number of individuals we’re working with each week to well over 20,000!
- To consider the number of children and parents that have accepted Christ as their personal Savior!
- To have over 400 people visit Caribbean Mountain Academy through mission trips!
- To see our team continue to grow as we have added nearly 100 staff to our ranks—in just a few months we’ll top 300 employees!
- That we have the capacity to not only serve families from any county in Indiana, but also throughout the country!

The growth and achievement of this past year makes it almost impossible to sit and act as if I have been there. To be honest, I’m a bit tired of that old rule anyway!

## Changing hearts and bringing hope.





Change starts here.

## Life-Changing Scholarships

Imagine you are a single parent. Your 15-year-old son has been slipping deeper and deeper into defiance. It started with a drop in grades and some shoving matches at school, but a few weeks ago you were told he’s been expelled for throwing some well-placed punches in a fight. Since then, he disappears for days at a time, is coming home drunk or high, and you’re starting to fear for the safety of your other two kids. Already struggling financially, how will you possibly afford to get him the help he needs, before his decisions land him in jail, or worse?



While this sounds like an extreme situation, it is sadly similar to the ones being faced by thousands of parents. Crosswinds was created for this exact purpose—to help families whose teens are on the verge of facing legal consequences to find healing, hope, and a fresh start.

**Our dream is to never turn a family away because of financial need. To begin our scholarship fund, we must raise \$150,000.**

One recent graduate said, “There is no greater sense of pride than [what I feel] now as I look back on my past. I went from looking at my past as a kid who got expelled



from military school for drug use, to a man who has now graduated high school a year early, is making remarkable accomplishments, and has discovered God, family, and life.”

Many parents believe Caribbean Mountain Academy is exactly what their teen needs to get back on track. Unfortunately, even though we strive to keep rates as low as possible, it is still often unaffordable to the parents that come to us for help.

Our plan is to develop a permanent scholarship fund to be provided for families as needed. Our dream is to never have to turn a teen or family away because of financial need and we are seeking partners to help make this dream a reality.



## A “Summer of Service” at Caribbean Mountain Academy

Indiana, Illinois, Arkansas, and Colorado were just a few of the states represented on the Caribbean Mountain Academy (CMA) campus this summer, as mission teams from across the country gave their time and resources to come serve our students and the local Dominican people. Projects ranged from rebuilding an unsafe bridge in a nearby community, to landscaping the memorial garden behind Bethany House, a student dorm on the CMA campus.



Most teams also got the chance to play and spend time with local children in the communities around CMA by putting on vacation Bible schools that included games, Bible stories, and lots of laughter!

Beyond serving the Dominican people, the life, energy, and passion that visiting teams bring to CMA is a crucial part of our program for struggling teens. Spending time with people who are willing to sacrifice their own time, energy, and money to help others, gives our students real-life examples of the principles we’re teaching.

But our students aren’t the only ones who are changed. Lifewater Community Church team member, Kristi Jacobs, said that as a result of her trip to CMA in August, she walks with a new perspective on the power of Christ. “I learned that God can do amazing things with just a few willing



workers and ample hands. I have learned that God can do more through you than you dared to dream on your own.” We are so grateful to all those who participated in or supported a mission team this summer and feel blessed abundantly by their generosity. We can’t wait until our next team arrives this fall!



## Filling the Void

Youth coming into Lifeline’s residential programs are carrying pasts full of mistakes, pain, and regret. Our caring staff are bringing structure, counseling, education, and compassion into these troubled lives as we equip them with the tools to turn their lives around. Most importantly, our staff are sharing the life-changing hope of our faith. This year, we are seeking funding to build a chapel at the center of our campus.



We realize that a building, in and of itself, does not bring about change, but this chapel will be far more than a building. Our chapel will be a quiet place apart from the group homes or school, where kids can go to be still, to seek, to learn, to heal ... to meet a Savior.

**To provide a chapel that our students can call their “home church,” we must raise \$1,000,000.**

Lifeline is seeking partners to help us make this vision for our chapel a reality. Please consider joining with us to establish this place of hope and healing for the children we serve.

