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Register now! Jazzin’ Up January

Crosswinds annual fundraising event, Jazzin’ Up January, is Thursday, January 28th 2016 at the Grand Wayne Center. This year’s event will begin at 6 p.m. and will include featured guest speakers Governor Mike Pence and First Lady Karen Pence. A panel discussion moderated by Kelly Byrd will include Jim Merritt, John Sampson, and Mark Terrell.

The Farmland Jazz Band will provide music while you sample global food stations and browse silent auction items. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$600 for a table of eight.

With your financial support, Crosswinds is leading the way in finding healthy solutions for families & youth to reclaim, rebuild and restore their lives.

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Featured guest speakers:
Indiana Governor Mike Pence
and
First Lady Karen Pence

To buy your tickets visit:
<http://www.lifelineyouth.org/jazzin--up-january-2016.html>

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When Are You Done?

By Mark Terrell

My wife and I are entering a new stage in our life where we are almost empty nesters and soon-to-be grandparents for the first and second time. As we prepare to finish well with our youngest, we began to think about how we can be great grandparents to a grandson in North Carolina and a granddaughter in Chicago. The thought of when my role as the parent actually is done has also crossed my mind. Is it when my youngest is done with college?

Is it when he has his first job or when he gets married? No one prepared me to be a father and no one is preparing me now for these very real changes in our lives. I have heard the comment that your role as a father and mother are never done, and I have heard other parents with a child who fails to launch (leave), saying with all sincerity and a tired voice that they may never be done. On the other hand, I sense my married children are pulling away, ready to be on their own. As I write this very confusing article, I hope that you are as confused as I am. I guess there is really no right answer for when you are done as a parent. As the tears run down my face, all I can say is that I loved every minute, will cherish every memory and will be ready and willing whenever they need me.

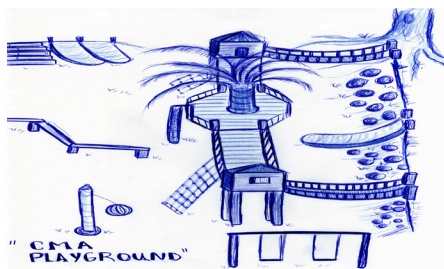
Merry Christmas from our family to yours!

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Changing hearts and bringing hope.

Change starts here.

Caribbean Mountain Academy Gets New Playground



Do you remember the joys of playing on a playground as a child? It's where we were schooled in relationships, imagined possibilities, endured conflicts, and laughed until our stomachs hurt. The fun that exists in our memories is something we want to bring to the community at Caribbean Mountain Academy. We are excited to announce that CMA will be breaking ground on this new playground this month. It will serve the families of our staff, our students, mission groups, and children in the local community. It will be completed in stages, with the help of our CMA students, staff children grandparents visiting from the U.S., and mission teams. Two of the three

stages have been funded. If you'd like to help fund the third and final stage (which includes a lot of the fun stuff) send your donation to Crosswinds with a note that it is designated for the CMA playground.

Chapel Dedication Ceremony

Earlier this month, at Pierceton Woods Academy, we hosted a Chapel "Foundation" dedication ceremony for contractors, donors & board members.

The foundation of the Chapel is important. It not only represents the building structure, but also the foundation of our organization, as well as the foundation of hope for the clients we serve. A company wide reception will be held upon the completion of the Chapel. At this time, we will be recognizing all employees who have donated through the "Step Up to Dress Down" campaign. This Chapel would not be possible without your continued support!



Mission Programs Strengthen Families



Crosswinds is passionate about strengthening families. One way we are showing our commitment to this is with our new family missions program. This is a brand new program starting in 2016 that will strengthen families while they serve together. While families are serving in the Jarabacoa community alongside our students, we will be serving them by walking them through a curriculum designed to give them new insights to each family member and ultimately be a stronger/closer family. We are starting with the 5 Love Languages by Dr. Gary Chapman. If you are interested in creating a curriculum to be able take a family or group through please contact Jeff Schumacher at jschumacher@crosswindseyouth.org

On The Move!

The renovation of Lifeline and Crosswinds' new headquarters on Illinois Road across from Jefferson Pointe in Fort Wayne is slated to be completed by the end of December! This means all of the administration staff will now be under one roof beginning in January. This new space will also allow room for family counseling sessions for clients that need a safe place to meet.

Over 40,000 people per day will see our new sign which brings so much visibility to our mission to restore families. This new sign is fully functional with messages continuously changing to attract the attention of everyone passing by the new building. Moving day is tentatively the last week of December.



Christmas Gifts Given to Children in Need

This month, hundreds of Christmas gifts were given to children in need at Brookmill Apartments and the young men at Pierceton Woods Academy and Spencer Home. These gifts were donated by generous members of The Chapel in Fort Wayne. Attached to each gift, winter hats and gloves were given as well. An out pouring of support throughout Fort Wayne and surrounding areas were also able to provide board games for client's families in our Home Based Services. A family board game helps create bonds and relationships that lead to healthy families.



A Christmas party was held for the children of Brookmill where they got to meet Santa, have their picture taken and enjoy cookies and refreshments with their family. Lifeline staff members dressed up in various Christmas characters to help distribute the gifts. Without this opportunity, many children would not receive a Christmas present at all. Lifeline thanks you for your support with this and all of our programs!

Save the Date for 2016's Fish with the Pros

Lifeline is happy to announce the dates for 2016's Fish with the Pros Fundraising event in Traverse City, Michigan.

September 30th - October 3rd
October 14th - 17th

This year's Fish with the Pros was also featured in November's issue of Fort Wayne Business People.

For more information about Fish with the Pros, contact Brenda Gerber Vincent at bgerber@lifelineyouth.org



Remembering Scott Bibler



With great sorrow, we share with you the passing of Scott Bibler, one of our Crosswinds Business Development Associates. Scott and three of his friends passed away in a tragic plane crash on Friday, October 2nd on their way to watch their beloved Fighting Irish take on Clemson in South Carolina.

Although Scott was only with Crosswinds a short time, his impact among his colleagues was indescribable much like his lasting impact as a long-time high school football coach and guidance counselor.

He was a man of faith and leaves behind a legacy of changed lives. Although the community feels a great loss, we are comforted to know that Heaven gained a great man.

Please surround his wife, two daughters, friends, colleagues and the many people who cherished Scott in prayer during this time.