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Crosswinds Downtown

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Do We Fit the Crosswinds Mission?

From time to time, I think it's important for all of us to reflect on the simple question: "Do we at Crosswinds Downtown reflect Crosswinds' mission and values?" I know many of you don't have access to the internet, so I've included what is outlined on our website.

Our Crosswinds Mission

"At Crosswinds we are a community of people **loving** God, **serv-ing** others and **leading** all into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."

Loving God

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22: 37-38

1. Loving God with our heart, soul, mind and strength
2. Living a LIFE of worship that extends beyond one hour on Saturday or Sunday
3. Expressing and demonstrating our love for God by obeying His commands with every thought, word and deed

Serving Others

"...And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22: 37-39
"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 12: 34-35

1. Individually and corporately investing in others intentionally, appropriately, and effectively

2. Responding to injustice, poverty, hunger, oppression and need compassionately and purposefully
3. Serving and caring for those closest to us
4. Reaching beyond the walls of Crosswinds into our neighborhoods, communities and our world

Leading all into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ

"...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Eph 4: 13

1. Actively pursuing a personal, vital, growing relationship with God
2. Challenging ALL to cultivate a lifestyle that embraces the spiritual disciplines and provides a healthy environment for vigorous spiritual growth
3. Expecting and experiencing measurable growth – spiritually, relationally, emotionally, mentally and physically
4. Seeing lasting life change – a genuine reshaping of one's character, personality and behavior to reflect the image of Christ.

So, do you think we are reflecting the mission and values of Crosswinds? What are we doing well? What should we improve on? I have my opinions, but I would like to hear

from you and collectively respond to the question. Please give me your feedback and I'll respond with our collective answers next month.



Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act

What is it?

From the US Consumer Product Safety Commission: "The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA) is a sweeping new law that impacts a broad spectrum of our economy. From manufacturers of toys to the kids that play with them, everyone is affected in some way -- even those who make and donate products to hospitals and charities. There are new rules to be understood and adopted for everyone from the largest global manufacturer to the crafter working in the family workshop to the mom-and-pop shop on the corner. Indeed, all children's products including toys, books, child care articles and clothing are covered in different ways by this law, and there are different rules for different products."

Impact on Crosswinds Downtown

After spending a few hours

on this government website, I couldn't find an exact match for our situation. So, then I went to news websites. On www.whcc.com the article, **New Law Takes Lead Out of Kids' Toys and Clothes** by: Berkeley Breaun posted on 2/10/09 says, "Charities like the [Pirate Toy Fund Drive](#) are not affected for several reasons. Gary the Happy Pirate tells us this only impacts places that sell toys, not those that give them away."

Now, I know we don't take our leading from a Pirate, so I wrote to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission and I'm waiting for an answer.

But, what's our goal here? We want to make sure that we don't ever do any harm knowingly to anyone. And, the concern of the CPSIA is that some products contain Phthalates.

What are phthalates?

Phthalates are a group of chemicals (oily, colorless liquids) that are used, among other things, to make vinyl and other plastics soft and flexible. Many types of phthalates are in use today. As of February 10, 2009, three have been prohibited outright in the United States for use in certain products such as child care articles.

A "child care article" is a product that a child under 3 would use for sleeping, feeding, sucking or teething. Bibs, child placemats, child utensils, feeding bottles, cribs, booster seats, pacifiers and teethingers are child care articles that are covered by the law and might contain phthalates. For us, that means that sleepers and bibs could be at risk for having phthalates.

As we work toward a final solution, we will begin educating clients regarding the dangers of phthalates in any clothing purchased before February 10th, 2009.

Thank You/Welcome to..

Michael and Jessica Cangemi for collecting food for us at their Super-bowl party.

Jeff and Debi Smith for collecting food at their daughter's birthday party and donating it us!

Our **financial supporters** who have donated cash

and/or gift cards in February to Crosswinds Downtown.

WELCOME

Welcome **Tim Slack!** Tim started attending Crosswinds in December and comes to us from Lighthouse Wesleyan Church. He's been a

Christian for 24 years and has three children (ages 25, 31, and 33), all who love the Lord. Tim is serving most everyday at Crosswinds Downtown and is becoming very active in other ministries as well, including Celebrate Recovery and Campus Care.



We hold you in high regard

How do we measure the spiritual realm?

When we put together informational slides for “Chasin’ the Blues 3” and compared it to the other food pantry and community kitchen, our numbers reflecting volume were smaller. Some might think we’re not doing as much work if we don’t see as many people. But, we’re not focused on quantity of clients, but on the **quality** of the visit.

So, what are we focusing on? **Not feeding the masses, but spreading the Gospel.** And, how do we measure our success in spreading these seeds? Well, we don’t directly

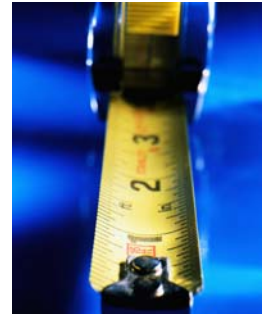
know, only God sees the big picture. But we do get little glimpses from time to time.

GOD STORIES

Accepting Christ

Personally, I love the “God” stories. Of course, when someone accepts Christ, this is a favorite God story and an instant party in heaven. On January 8th, Robert came to see Bill Mosich, for they have built a relationship over time. Robert came in to talk to Bill about his health. Bill, sens-

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Reflections—by Pete Hurbutt

Working at Crosswinds Downtown is an eye-opening blessing. Volunteers who serve here become aware, in a very real sense, that there is much more to Canandaigua than a beautiful, tree-lined Main Street with historic buildings and elegant homes which overlook our pristine lake. The affluent façade of this community masks the reality of hunger, hurt and hopelessness which linger just out of our sight. In addition, our town is unique because we have so many veterans “living” here who were once heroes and are now shunned and basically forgotten. The need for Jesus and food is great and growing with each day.

Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 8:3 in the gospel of Matthew when He stated that, “man does not live

by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” This is the blessing of serving downtown! Although we can only provide 10 food or toiletry items to a client, we provide the gospel message through the words of the Bible and by prayer. We get to witness tears of joy when a client hears his/her name in a prayer for the first time. We get to share tears of pain and shame as people open their hearts and lives to us because it is a safe place. We see some clients live out the Greatest Commandment by loving God with all their heart, soul and mind while ministering to friends who are in need.

We get to see people change over time as those who used to

refuse prayer now not only pray but credit prayer for positive changes in their family relations and job status. We experience clients coming in just for personal prayer or to ask for prayers for others. Sometimes we are blessed by a client’s prayer for us and a couple of times a client even sang a hymn for a volunteer!

The greatest blessing is to be used by God to lead a client to Jesus. This has happened several times and always results in great joy and happiness for all! If you want to be part of this exciting ministry and to be a “partaker of the divine nature”, pray for us, stop by some time to visit, try a “first serve”, join our Thursday morning Bible Study, or support us financially through gift cards, checks, and/or food donations.

Thank you and God Bless!

- Pete Hurlbutt

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“Sharing the love of Jesus through tangible acts of service that lead to the transformation of hearts by serving those in need”

Since we opened our doors in 2004, we've reached over 1800 households in this community with 8000 visits. On average, we serve about 200 families a month. On each visit, we have clients pick 10 non-perishable and paper products from a list of available items. That's over 65,000 items we've given to those in need. Thank you to all those who contribute to and volunteer at Crosswinds Downtown!



How do we measure the spiritual realm?

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ing the Holy Spirit, asked him if he wanted to be assured he would go to heaven. Robert said yes and Bill led him to the Lord. Tears for everyone! Bill was so joyous and praising God for the opportunity to serve Him, especially since this was his last day at Crosswinds Downtown before he headed south for the rest of winter.

Used by God

And then there are those moments when you realize you have been used by God. Marlene experienced this last weekend as she was serving in Prayer Central. A visitor, looking very nervous, saw Marlene and immediately rushed over to her. She called Marlene by her name and remembered her from several years ago! This woman shared how Marlene had given her a pregnancy test at Crosswinds Downtown over 4 years ago, as her child is now 3 1/2

years old! And Marlene told this woman about Jesus and she was so grateful. As they spent more time together in Guest Central, Marlene and Denise prayed with her and helped her through some of her struggles. And as Marlene touched her hand, she could sense a real peace in this woman as she calmed down. Yes, it was clear at that moment that Marlene was used by God and was encouraged doing so.

We need to continue with these uplifting stories. Please feel free to tell me your “God story”; and I'd love to print it here in the newsletter for all to be encouraged.

MEASUREMENTS

But there are also other things we can measure which give us a glimpse into this ministry. We report 11 things right now, from

the number of households served to the volunteers we have per month. We are looking at new measurements which will also help others to understand that we're here to build relationships and spread the Gospel. They include:

- How many Bibles do we give away?
- How many prayers are offered?
- How many CWC ministries and services do we connect people to?
- How many agencies do we connect people to?

YOUR INPUT

Vickie and I would love your input on this as well. We will also be changing the intake forms to reflect these new measurements as well as make them easier to use. Please give us your thoughts! Thanks!