



## **Peace in Action Projects**

For over 90 years, Wayside Cross Ministries of Aurora, IL has provided restoration and recovery for the impoverished, addicted, and abused. Men, women, and children are discovering new life and new hope.

### **Urban Youth Ministry (UYM)**

- Our Urban Youth Ministry has reached out to at-risk youth in the Aurora community for the past 25 years, providing FREE programs for afterschool tutoring and support, recreation and education.
- The kids in our programs come from low-income and under-resourced neighborhoods. Many of the children come from one parent homes in which the child is many times left alone because a parent has to work. These children also live in neighborhoods that have high crime and gang activity. ALL

#### **UYM'S MINISTRIES INCLUDE:**

- ◆ After School tutoring and programming for ages 6 to 17
- ◆ Aurora Neighborhood Baseball League for ages 6 to 12
- ◆ Summer and Winter camps for ages 6 to 17

### **1. AURORA NEIGHBORHOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE SPONSORSHIPS, \$300 to \$600**

This league has been in Aurora for over 20 years. Each player comes from at-risk families in east Aurora. They get a complete uniform. We work with them on their baseball, family, and faith development. We have 10 Little League teams (mixed gender 9-12 years old) and 4 T-Ball teams (mixed gender 6-8 years old). All have volunteer coaches. Each team has a sponsor.

**This costs \$600 for Little League (10 teams); \$300 for T-Ball (4 teams)**

### **2. AURORA NEIGHBORHOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE UMPIRES, \$400 to \$4,000**

We have umpires for our Little League games, which go from June to early August. Covering this need will allow us to grow our league and develop younger umpires from our after-school High School program.

**This costs \$400/week, for a total of \$4000.**

**3. SWIMMING LESSONS FOR 20 STUDENTS TO SAFELY ATTEND ROCK RIDGE CHRISTIAN CAMP ON THE BOUNDARY WATERS, \$1,000**

The camp is nestled in the heart of the Superior National Forest. It provides at-risk youth with a wilderness camping experience, encourages youth to reach their full potential mentally, physically and spiritually, sending them home with a whole new perspective on life. None of the students know how to swim. We want to send them to basic swimming and water safety lessons prior to camp to ensure a safe experience.

Swim lessons cost \$50/student for a total of \$1,000.

**New Life Corrections Prison Ministry (NLC)**

- Our jail ministry provides eight transformational services for the incarcerated, serving over 30 prisons in Illinois. It started several years ago when we developed the first DADS CLASSES, as a pilot program in the Kane County Jail. Turns out, reaching and influencing fathers in jail is helping break a generational curse that, for many, is caused by poor choices and a broken home life.
- After prison release, we provide ex-offenders a pathway for transitional housing and continue the transformational process in our Master's Touch program.

**4. BIBLES/MATERIALS FOR INMATES AND EX-OFFENDERS, \$500 TO \$1,000.**

- We meet with inmates, give them Bibles/materials, and invite them to come to Wayside's men's/women's residential programs in Aurora. We need funding for these materials. Each Bible is \$3 and we pass out over 5,000 per year.

**All projects provide opportunities for Rotarian hands-on involvement.**

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