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Wayside Cross Ministries' Women's Shelter Receives a \$16,000 Grant from the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley

Wayside Cross Ministries, a non-profit community outreach organization, received a grant award from the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, to purchase a van for their women's transitional shelter, Lifespring Center. The grant will help Lifespring increase their capacity to help its women, infants and children rebuild their lives and move back into society by providing them with safe, reliable transportation.

Excited about how the grant will benefit the women's shelter, Lynda Dorsch, Director of Lifespring Center, a division of Wayside Cross Ministries, said, "We provide transportation to programmatic events, children's school related events, court dates and doctor appointments that are not within walking distance and we also utilize transportation for purchasing large quantities of food for the shelter and for picking up donations. Our current van is not reliable or safe."

James Lukose, Executive Director of Wayside Cross Ministries, also expressed gratitude about receiving the much needed grant, "We are very grateful for the opportunity to partner with the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley in providing transportation for our program through their generous grant award of \$16,000. The timing of this grant could not have been better due to Lifespring's crucial need for reliable and safe transportation."

The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley is a collection of individual funds and resources given by local citizens to enhance and support the quality of life in the Fox River Valley Illinois. They are a tax-exempt public charity that allows individuals, businesses and other non-profit organizations to establish permanent endowments and temporary funds within the confines of one large foundation. Foundation funds are used to provide grants to non-profit organizations and scholarships to area students.

For more information on the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, go to www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org and for more information on Wayside Cross Ministries and how to make donations, go to www.waysidecross.org and click on the 'Donate Now' button.