

Crossroads Connection

Crossroads School

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We're Moving!!

Pray for the right timing and opportunity

We found out in March that the owner of the building we share is signing a long-term lease for the whole building; since the church has been on a month-to-month lease, they (and we) will be asked to vacate soon. We don't know how soon; it could be as little as 30 days, or it could be June 1. The owner said he would try to arrange it so that the move happens after the end of the school year, for which we are very grateful. If possible, we will continue to share space with the Journey church, if their next space works for both groups, but if not we may approach other churches in the area about a partnership.

We're looking forward to what God has in store for us next! Please join us in praying for both the timing of our move as well as our next location.

Crossroads Student Shares Her Story

By Eighth Grader Georgia Fountain

Have you ever been given a second chance? Ever been given a second chance at life? I have, and Crossroads School was a part of that. I have recently changed schools. I used to go to a different school where they weren't giving me the attention I needed. It seemed like my old school was making me worse rather than better. I was constantly making poor decisions for myself and making sour relationships with people. I've always wanted to go to college to pursue my dreams with horses, and the path that I was heading down, the path that seemed to be the only one open, didn't have the option of college down it. I seemed to be at the lowest point of life and kept telling myself, "This is my life." I didn't see myself changing. Then one day my mom told me about this school named Crossroads. I turned it down. I didn't want to change. This was who I was. A few months later I realized that I needed a change--a chance to save me from a life that had no future. That's when I decided to change to Crossroads.

I came to Crossroads with one goal in mind: I wanted a better education. Since then, I've gotten way more. Coming into a classroom of only five didn't bother me. Less people meant less hassle, and I loved it. A smaller class meant a better education. Yes!! That's all I wanted. Yes, I got an education, but I was also taught to focus on myself, help myself make right relationships, and finally get on the right path of life.

Crossroads is a place of opportunities. You can come through these doors thinking, "Oh, boy, just another school," or you can come through these doors ready to show what you've got and ready to get down to business and work. We as the kids of Crossroads represent the school, and I think we can show that this school has helped a tremendous amount.

Can you believe that behind Crossroads are three very strong women? Of course there are the volunteers and sponsors that help put this wonderful school together. But three women that came in with a dream of helping and a dream of teaching (to me an amazing way to be teaching). So my thanks go out to Miss Nourse, Mrs. Topham, and Mrs. Bulthuis, and of course the volunteers and sponsors for all of their help. I believe this school will go far, but for now, small is okay with me. Thank you, Crossroads School!

Support for Crossroads

Funding from the Alliance for Choice in Education

The Alliance for Choice in Education (A.C.E.), a Denver-based scholarship program, supports low-income students in Colorado private schools. A.C.E. believes that "providing every child with educational choice will promote an accountable and competitive education marketplace that fosters effective private and public schools." In the past ten years, they have provided over \$12 million in scholarships for students who qualify for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program. For more information, visit www.acescholarships.org.

A.C.E. has received special funding targeted for Street Schools in Colorado, of which Crossroads is a member. Four of our current students qualified for scholarships of \$2000 each this year, and we anticipate receiving even more scholarships next year. We are excited to partner with this quality organization!

Alpha Martial Arts Charity Fundraiser

Every year, Alpha Martial Arts offers \$10 introductory packages in the month of December, and gives all the proceeds to a charity. This year, they chose Crossroads School to benefit from their fundraiser. In March, they presented Crossroads with a check for \$400! We appreciate their support of Crossroads, and look forward to partnering together in the future.

Growth Continues

Second Classroom Teacher Needed!

As of this writing, we have eight students enrolled--double our enrollment at the start of school. Based on this growth, additional inquiries, and our commitment to having no more than 8-10 students per class, we are making plans to add a second classroom next year. That means we need a second full-time teacher for next school year. If you know someone who is experienced in the classroom and passionate about at-risk kids, please have them contact Barb Bulthuis (crossroadsinformation@yahoo.com; 303-709-9881).

Crossroads In Action

Pictures are worth a thousand words!



In order to engage students in learning, we use a wide variety of activities--from hands-on science experiments, to writing spelling words in shaving cream, to individual math lessons on the computer.
