

Crossroads Connection

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Victor's Story: Blessed to Serve... by Janet Streed

Just a couple weeks following graduation from Crossroads next month, Victor Griffith will be in boot camp. His decision to join the US Army is based on his gratefulness for the freedoms he enjoys, and a deep seated desire to help preserve those freedoms for his family. He said, "There are those who gave their lives for me to have the freedom to fulfill my dreams. I want to preserve those freedoms for my country, and for the next generation."

Victor feels he owes a debt to those who have served and sacrificed before him. He is willing to give his life, if necessary, for his siblings to enjoy living the American dream.

His parents, Bruce and Christy Griffith, have reservations, but they won't stop their adopted son from pursuing his dream. Initially, that dream meant applying to serve in the US Air Force. Victor was told he couldn't serve because of his allergies. He gave up for a while, and then took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery. Those results paved the way for him to join the Army.

Ideally, Victor would like to take his leadership skills, acquired through years of playing soccer, and have his dream job of being a dog handler in the Army. If one of the yearly six slots for handlers isn't available, he plans to pursue military police work. If he doesn't make the Army a career, his goal will be civilian law enforcement.

Prior to coming to Crossroads in February of 2016, Victor was flunking classes due to boredom and hating homework. Now, he is completing his coursework for graduation and working as a line cook at Red Lobster. He is also experiencing living on his own between now and boot camp.

There's no doubt in my mind that those who paid the highest price for our freedoms would salute this young man's focus and motivation.



YEAR-END CELEBRATION AND GRADUATION

Friday, May 19, 7 pm

Grace Church, 2415 Lake Park Dr.



Help us to commemorate another year and launch our graduates into a bright future!

Roundup for Crossroads School 2017: A Huge Success!

Introduced New Friends to Crossroads and Raised over \$45,000 for the School

On Friday, April 7, about 175 friends of Crossroads School gathered at LifeBridge Church for our annual Friends Dinner. Our attendance continues to increase each year! Here are a few highlights from the evening:



- Introducing 6 seniors who will graduate in May. . . despite some reluctance on their part to be noticed (photo to the left shows three of them)
- A touching address from Crossroads donor, volunteer, and keynote speaker, Janet Streed (photo to the right)



- Honoring Anne Schlegel, former dinner planning chairperson who passed away this spring, with a tribute and symbolic white carnations



- Laughing along with the antics of the auctioneer and his two callers—especially when they sold absolutely nothing to a board member for \$1,000!
- Western attire and props in the photo booth and throughout the event—check out more photos here:

ronballardphotography.smugmug.com/Photobooth/

- Crossroads students helping cook and serve the chuckwagon dinner
- A powerful video shared student stories; check it out on our homepage at www.crossroadslongmont.org



**1st Annual Cocktails for Crossroads
80s Dance Party!**

Only 50 tickets left!

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2 for \$110
4 for \$200

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7:00PM - 10:00PM

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mini silent auction, beverages
and tons-of-fun!**



Sponsorship Honors Mother's Love of Education

20 of 32 Sponsorships Committed

As part of the Friends Dinner, we set a goal to "Roundup" 32 sponsors: one for each of the students at the school. Each sponsorship costs \$50/month for a year, or \$600.

John and Mary Jane Mees chose to sponsor a student seat in honor of Mary Jane's mother, and are happy to share their story. Sue was the eldest daughter of 7 children, and dropped out of school in 4th grade to help raise her siblings. She always regretted not getting an education, and valued and supported education for her own daughters. Mary Jane said that she was glad to give a gift that would honor her mother, who passed away in February, and "provide education to those who may not want to continue, in an environment that is safe." She also said that "faith was (also) important to her; these kids are getting both." We are grateful to John and Mary Jane for creating this legacy!

We "rounded up" 15 sponsors prior to the dinner, then 5 more at the dinner, for a total of 20 so far. Now we're looking to complete the project with 12 more sponsors. **Could you be a sponsor?** Visit our online giving page (<https://www.givedirect.org/donate/?cid=12275>), or mail a check to Crossroads School, 1212 S. Terry St., Longmont, CO 80501. Sponsors will receive monthly reports on student progress (in general, to protect student privacy). **Help us "round up" the rest of our sponsorships to reach our goal!**