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Being a sponsor of *Walk a Mile in My Shoes 2011* will make you a part of the most exciting process you could imagine. You can help to stop the downward spiral and turn the lives of homeless women in a positive direction. You can provide frightened children with a stable nurturing environment for growth.

Based on actual requests for shelter, we have seen an alarming increase in the number of homeless women and children over the past several years. Wayside Cross Ministries has stepped up to meet the need through a 64 bed shelter called *Lifespring*. Going above and beyond safe shelter and nutritious meals, Lifespring has long term programs that address the underlying causes of homelessness such as substance abuse, incomplete education and inadequate life skills. Lifespring offers homeless women an opportunity to become God reliant, self supporting and make a positive contribution to our community.

*Urban Youth Ministry* is a program of Wayside Cross Ministries that supports at-risk youth in the Aurora area. Urban Youth sponsors a baseball league and summer camp, geared towards giving children a fun and structured Christian experience, while having summer fun. Urban Youth also reaches out to at-risk children in Aurora with its after-school programming, homework help, and benevolence programs to children and all in the Aurora community.

**The most vulnerable of our community, homeless women and children, and at-risk youth need your help.** Imagine how it would feel to walk a mile in their shoes. Decide today to help by being a sponsor of *Walk a Mile in My Shoes 2011*.

With gratitude,