

Hope For The Next Generation

Jesus

Relationships

Community



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A Word From Executive Director Redford Maust

I could tell you a lot about Lifeworks and the amazing things God is doing here. However, what really hits home for me are the stories – there are so many of them. Let me share just one. I've been working with two guys who we'll call, John and George, for a couple of years now. They're from a really tough part of South Bend. Just last year, there were several shootings near John's house, and on another occasion, George got hit in the head by a bullet. Isaac, a member of our Lifeworks team, knows them well too. He spends every Tuesday driving an hour or more to pick them up for PDI soccer training. Growing up in a rough neighborhood, both guys have picked up some bad habits. We have around 90 kids that have joined the PDI training, with John and George being among the oldest and most skilled. However, there are times when their bad habits come to light, such as using inappropriate language and showing disrespect to staff and our program. Despite their tough exterior, the love of God shines through them. I've grown close to them over time, and they even call me their grandpa. But recently, I had to have a tough conversation with them about their behavior. I called them out on being ungrateful, using bad language, and not fully engaging in our Life Talks each week. I didn't hold back. Their immediate response? Here's what they texted me back. John: "Thank you for reaching out. It means a lot. Instead of keeping it and holding a grudge, I will try from now on to be an example and set a role model for the kids. I apologize tho because I know I'm in the wrong." George: "It's all good Red. I enjoy being part of PDI. I don't want that to change so I try my best but I will step it up thanks for letting us know and keeping us on track."

They both want to follow the right path with God and that's why they keep coming back.

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LIFEWORKS CORE VALUES

Who We Are

By Isaac Núñez

Coming up with a set of values that drive the culture and decision making of an organization is no easy feat. However, we feel that God gave us a list that fires us up and so clearly defines who we are.

1. Jesus #1 - This goes without much saying. Jesus Christ is the very reason why we do everything we do. We want the world to know Him and bring glory to His name.
2. Family Vibes - When you are with us, you are in the presence of a loving family. We want people to always feel the love of Jesus and be free to be who they are.
3. Doers Not Talkers - We get after it and are willing to do whatever God wants us to do whenever He wants us to do it.
4. Givers Not Takers - It's better to give than to receive. Being generous with our time, finances, and numerous other resources are crucial aspects of who we are.
5. OOBer Fun/OONF - Opposite Of Boring Fun / Opposite Of Not Fun. We are all about the FUN. Life is more enjoyable when you are filled laughter and joy.

Jesus #1

Family Vibes

Doers Not Talkers

Givers Not Takers

OOBer Fun/OONF





Assistant SO&E Director Taylor (Middle)



SPECIAL OUTREACH AND EVENTS

SO&E Testimonial

"Winter Jam was such a lively experience! I had never attended a Christian concert before and had no idea what to expect. I was welcomed into a beautiful community of people whose hearts were full of Jesus! The Lifeworks team promoted an environment that was full of worship, excitement, and pure joy on the way to the concert, during the concert, and on the way back. The artists were inspiring and the music was fantastic, but the community of believers I was with made the event amazing for me! I'm grateful to Lifeworks for organizing this event, I'll never forget the experience." -Sophie A. (College Sophomore)

2024 Winter Jam

BY TAYLOR MACK

Winter Jam was our "big event" for quarter one this year. A group of 33 people went to Van Andel Arena on the Lifeworks bus. We got to sing and dance along to different artists like Crowder, Lecrae, CAIN, Katy Nicole, and more.





PD1

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT 1ST

Transforming Lives Through Soccer: My Journey at PD1

BY HEAD COACH JEN REYES

I love being the head coach at PD1 because God has prepared me for this role through the experiences I have had in childhood, soccer, and life overall. It's a joy mentoring young soccer players and creating a competitive, fun, and comfortable environment where they are able to grow into wonderful young adults with life skills they can implement on and off the field. The results and the relationships that are created within PD1 are great blessings.

Additionally, PD1 has impacted my life by how I am able to connect with young adults who are going through similar obstacles, especially with so many being products of immigrant parents just like I am. I believe the life skills that come with being on a competitive soccer team allow one to gain life skills that ultimately will be reflected in work, education, and family atmospheres. PD1 creates a healthy pressure on me to obtain the tremendous responsibility of impacting younger soccer players in the community.

PD1 Testimonial

"When initially joining PD1, I thought I was just joining to improve my skills on the soccer field. Little did I know, I'd not only be bettering myself in soccer and in life, but I'd be joining a family. PD1 has tremendously improved my touch on the ball, moving in tight spaces, and playing as a team. It has also improved the way I look at life and go about certain issues or situations. PD1 has taught me very valuable lessons but if I had to choose one that I learned the most it'd be that soccer is more than just a game; it's a way to connect with others and get away from the stress of life."





Student Testimony of the Quarter

By Kate C.

I am currently a student at Bethel University. I was invited to D&D by one of my friends in the fall of 2023 and I have been in love with this program ever since. Every Sunday night, I am greeted with the amazing hospitality of the Maust family, the kindness of those on the worship team, and other Lifeworks leaders like Isaac and Lia who radiate Jesus. D&D has made a huge impact on my faith and means a lot more to me than people may know. For me, going to D&D is like going home. My parents live in Colorado, so it is a rare chance that I get to go to a house as welcoming as the Maust's and enjoy a home-cooked meal. D&D is a community with incredible people, who share the love of God. The people within the community truly love and care for one another's life and their walk with Christ. I have developed a relationship with both Liz and Lia, where I can talk to them about anything that is troubling me. Whether it is complicated situations, uneasy emotions, or anything else that may be laying on my heart at the time, I know that those who are listening have my best interests at heart. The discussions and the worship speak for themselves. Every Sunday during worship, I feel elevated, I feel freer, and I can feel God's presence in the room. It is incredibly powerful and special when followers of Jesus come together to worship. Then we get into the discussions, where we get to think about things we may never think about. One discussion recently that grabbed my attention was about idolatry, where I did not necessarily think of relationships and people as idols. After that discussion, I went to my dorm and sat with God and thought about what my idols are. Topics mentioned in discussions are those that can be applied to all ages. I am a person who constantly wants to know why things are the way things are, how things work, and why they are wired that way. D&D asks and answers those questions, and sometimes those questions have no answers. But that is what is great about having a community such as this. We know we will not know all the answers, but D&D provides a safe place to discuss unanswered questions. D&D is something I look forward to every week. I look forward to the discipleship of those who lead, the friendliness of those who attend, the Holy Spirit filling the room, and of course Liz's delicious home-cooked meals.



Girls Life Group (GLG)

D&D has expanded! Girls Life Group is a Lifeworks ministry extension of the program D&D. GLG creates a space for women to gather and discuss some of the big questions and challenges Christian women face today. The group meets once a month at different locations around Mishawaka. GLG is open to all women in high school and up.

Interested in joining? Email info@lifeworksministry.com for more information! Join us on Saturday mornings for a time of community, questions, discussion, and prayer! We would love to see you there!



SUPPORT US TODAY!

“When I went to college I didn’t realize how important community was until I experienced it at college. But before I left college, I asked God to provide me with people who would love to chase after Jesus with me and challenge me in my faith. And God came through! He placed different groups in my life in the seasons I needed them, but they never felt long-term until. The first night I went to Lifeworks, I was nervous and uncomfortable because God had taken me outside of my comfort zone and placed me in the uncomfortable. But after that first night I knew this was the community I have been searching for all along. Every week I look forward to Sundays, and not just for church, but because I know what I get to do later that night and that’s go to Lifeworks. God brought people into my life and has also taken them away and not necessarily for bad reasons but to help strengthen me in my walk with Him.” - Todriyana C.

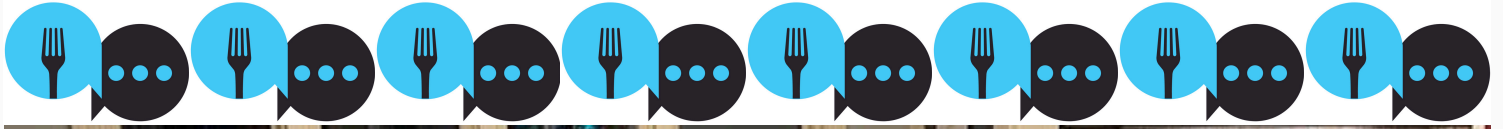
“My first night at Lifeworks I came to lead worship with the mindset it was just for the one night, but after meeting the community I realized it was special. Everyone was so welcoming and the environment felt so authentic. I was so excited to keep coming back and dig into the community. I could see Lifeworks had cultivated a safe loving space to be real, to process and discuss honest questions, feel seen and heard, and meet other peers and form Christ-centered friendships.” - Sophia H.

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2. Send check to P.O. Box 602, Granger, IN 46530 (make check payable to Lifeworks ministry)
3. Text “Give” to 574-500-2314

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ALL NEW! LIFEWORKS SPONSOR A DINNER PROGRAM

D&D: Launch of Sponsor a Dinner

Dinner and Discussion continue to thrive every Sunday evening. Additionally, you can now support us through our brand-new sponsor dinner program! Through this program, you can choose to **donate** directly to a dinner or bring food in for the evening through the **cater-a-dinner** option.

Quote of the Quarter

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Abe Lincoln: "The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend".

SCAN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY!



CATER A DINNER



DONATE A DINNER



life works

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Matthew 7:24