

How can we help?

Our Outreach is structured so that ideas and participation from like-minded groups and individuals can plug into our outreach in both big and small ways.

We seek *variety, flexibility, & teamwork.*

What do you mean by like-minded?

We aspire for every service endeavor to glorify God. Our work should be SALT for our biblical neighbors in the form of HELP, or a LIGHT on their way through Christian encouragement or hope.



Crossroads
of Crawford County

A Collection of Helpful Ideas

How can we help?

Plug In!

Events Participation

We want to be available to serve every area of Crawford County.
Help us make connections and raise awareness in your community!

- Schedule, plan & hold an event or activity with proceeds to Crossroads

Pick your passion (Examples)

*Car wash • Selling items • Dollar on top of fee
Pocket change collection • Bowl-a-thon
Tournament • Food events (soup, omelets, steak, etc.)*

- Join a committee for our annual spring or fall fundraising

*“Regardless of the event type you choose to help with,
we appreciate the collaboration for the benefit of the families
and elderly who need unique helping.”*

- Dave Friedrichsen, Founding Board Member

DOES Group (Love DOES - Christian help, support & encouragement)

A county-wide group of adults who have fun and socialize by connecting over need.

- Availability for occasional group helping such as moving, cleaning, home repairs, special errands, hot meals served, or befriending
- Recruit items for a family with specific need at a specific time
- Nurture healthy family & marriage through group devotionals or activities
- Restore old fashioned community values of caring & neighborly pitching in

Meaningful, fun & interactive investment into community!

Mentors & Supporters

For all ages, youth through senior citizens!

Everyone needs a mentor, we were made to depend on each other!

Whole families are especially encouraged! Groups can mentor as well!

Who can't use a little boost?

Absence of a parent

Middle of tough times

Parent to parent

Lonely or empty

Brokenness

Needing to believe there is good in the world

Learning a specific skill

Physical, developmental, or mental/emotional challenge

Perfection not allowed — genuine caring & sharing required

Matching, direction oversight will be provided for all mentoring.

The Family Den

**FOR USE
WHENEVER
IT HELPS!**

- FAMILY MEETINGS
- PARENT-CHILD VISITS
- STAFFED PARENT-CHILD VISITS
- INDIVIDUALIZED COACHING
- MEDIA TRAINING

Available by appointment. Fee may apply.
Please contact us to reserve the area or inquire.

Bring in YOU!

Contribute to the Crossroads cause according to your passion and time availability!
For Example:

- Design bulletin board themes and rotation over the course of a year (seasonal or approximately quarterly)
- Manage pamphlet & materials rotation
- Bring resources on a specific topic into our library
- Upkeep of a community events bulletin board & listing at Crossroads
- Commit to assisting with our regular events (such as spring or fall open House, coat drive, annual fundraiser event, smaller outreach events by baking or cooking, hosting for us at Crossroads, decorating)
- Pick a monthly topic and promote it through Facebook, simple events, & materials

Pick Your Passion!

*November is National Adoption Month • January is Life month
Elderly • Special Needs Parenting • Caregiving
Specific age group • Mental Health • Wellness
Healthy Parenting • Military emphasis*

- Design a community challenge: wellness, daily devotion, help a neighbor, random acts of kindness, etc.
- Host a community training event—know a great speaker? Find a special resource to share? Join us to bring in to the public on behalf of Crossroads!
- Bring a favorite denomination-neutral devotional topic and/or group curriculum and host a devotional group
- Help us keep organized—The helping closets regularly have items coming in and going out. Good management requires assurance items are clean and suitable, and replenished once given out.
- Manage a greeting card outreach on behalf of Crossroads—target a specific population with short note and word of encouragement

Everyone loves a mailed hug!

Examples: Senior citizens, hospitalization, bereaved, specific life challenge, birthdays

Join us!

In order to grow, we need to fill multiple professional roles—from support staff to direct service, promotional efforts and outreach. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact us so we can visit!

Enable & Cheer!

Spread the word!

- Tell a group at your church or community about us—maybe they would like us to tell them more or they can help in more direct ways.
- Tell professionals about us—maybe they will be thrilled to hear of a professional support service that will help them!

Sponsor a specific cost for us

- Any cost eliminated through a donation makes more direct time available for individualized helping

Ideas!

Printing costs for a specific event or amount of time, or for newsletters

Phone or Internet expenses (all or some months)

Promotional costs for an event

Restock office or janitorial supplies

Light meal for volunteer day once a month

Appreciation activity or items for helpers

Inspirational items to leave with those we visit

Promotional items & Postage Stamps

Variety of prepaid debit cards for local restaurants and stores

(for using when a family is in need or a volunteer runs up exceptional expenses)

Sponsor actual costs of the fee-based services for a family

Family Den, a home like and family-friendly visiting area at our office, has an associated fee to cover our time and supplies. Many of those who most need it are not able to pay. Help us to help them improve quality time with their families.

Fee based services—Coming soon! Hourly rate services including hourly personal cares, household assistance, respite care, ride assistance, and specialized professional consultation

“Lack of financial means is a typical barrier to families getting help. When a family has been gifted the help they need, they are heartened by the caring from the community AND accept help into their world.”

- Director, Janette Clausen

Promote Sparrow's Nest

This is our unique area at Crossroads that is set aside for resale of items from community crafters. Proceeds offset our outreach costs.

Check It Out!

T-shirts • Home Décor • Greeting Cards • Gifts
Sensory Integration Tools • Jewelry • Seasonal Items

- Promote/market your own unique item ongoing at Sparrow's Nest
- Shop! (See our Sparrow's Nest Facebook page or Crossroads website for store hours)
- Assist manager of the area with volunteer help through doing inventory, purchasing, item rotation, etc.
- Donate or discount items for our resale
- Invite your friends and co-workers to shop or bring new items!



We welcome a variety of items with preference for handmade & refurbished things

"The more we can offset our costs, the more that is freed up for direct time with folks!"

- Caleb Schroeder, Board President

Keep us informed

Keep us informed—watching for community, employer, and church grants available is key since we are understaffed and focused on the family needs in front of us at any given time.

Donate

- We are a 501c3 charitable organization, your financial gifts are tax deductible.
- Monetary gifts of any size are appreciated.
- Please contact Director Janette Clausen for information on how larger gifts are applied to our outreach, or if you have a specific request with a financial gift.
- Planned giving or pledging is a huge benefit, as we can strategize for staffing and programming.



Membership

Your membership means a lot to us! \$25 lifetime membership (one vote per membership)

- Shows that you are with us in this community outreach!
- Puts you in direct contact with the Board of Directors for suggestions/input from the community
- Enables up to three nominations for board members annually
- First receipt of news, events, & developments

Prayer Power!

We could not have come this far into our outreach without the prayerful support of those who realize the potential for ALL families and individuals, not just those who are in larger need at this time.

- We are about FAMILY—GOD's way, and your prayers for creative ways to reach out with a Christian LOVE THAT DOES is crucial. It shows you are with us on our mission!

Ask Seek Knock

Fueled, competent volunteer & paid STAFF

Directive & supportive board members

Unique needs of families being served & their belief in God

Financial stability of the agency

Ability to effectively respond to needs

Effectiveness as a LIGHT for Jesus in Crawford County

A safe starting place

An encouraging middle place

A healthy ending place



Note:

- Crossroads can help with activities through Facebook and our website, as well as some logistics such as materials & printing.
- We will try our best to assure that a Crossroads representative, or several, from our board and staff attend all scheduled events.
- Donors who underwrite costs for families or for the agency are recognized by CRCC the same as a direct donation.
- All ideas and activities for development and fundraising are subject to prior review and approval by the Crossroads' board and director.



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We are hopeful for:

Partnering with the community & Christian churches
to help meet a need in our community

Motives for affirmation that our lives are not our own,
but belong to God

Reflection of the GRACE & MERCY that God
has given to each of us

*We would appreciate any further
ideas you may have!*

*Thank You
for considering how you can
join the journey!*

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