



Ministries:

Clothing Bank

Food Bank

The Diner

EPIC 1:3

Worship Services

Bible Studies

Youth Programs

Baby Basics

GED Classes

ROAR

Celebrate Recovery

Joseph's Place

Jail Ministry

Needs List:

Disposable diapers

Baby formula

Baby wipes

Blankets

Boxes of cereal for youth snacks

Craft supplies

Bright colored paper & poster board

Volunteers

Children's clothing

Your love, prayers, & support!

Welcome to The Potter's Wheel

The Potter's Wheel is an inner-city ministry in Evansville, Indiana, and has developed into a very effective ministry in the Tri-state area. The Potter's Wheel lies on the borders of Indiana, Illinois, and Kentucky. Blessed with willing volunteers and strong leadership, The Potter's

Wheel Ministries is winning souls for Christ and changing lives among inner-city residents of Evansville, Indiana.

Once a haven for drug activity, prostitution and crime, the inner city of Evansville is going through a major transformation. This inner-city

neighborhood of Evansville, Indiana, is becoming a quiet, safe environment for residents, their children and families. The Potter's Wheel Ministries offers many services for low-income residents of the inner city of Evansville, Indiana.

Message from Pastor:

Joseph's Place Needs Your Prayers

The excitement of the Father's children is in the air everywhere. Those who know their Father and destination realize the return of the Lord God is at hand, for we read in the book of Matthew the signs of the end times.

Matthew 24:4-8 -*And Jesus answered and said unto them: "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, saying, I am the Christ, and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all things*

must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows."

Now to those who are not saved or who are playing around with salvation, that is scary. But to the born again child of God, it is exciting. If we read Matthew 24:13, we see that "*he who endures to the end shall be saved.*" **Praise the Lord!**

If ever in history there was a time to work for the kingdom, it is now. That is exactly what The Potter's Wheel is doing. We realize that on this little corner of Evansville, we have only so much light left before darkness comes. The Word says to work while it is light.

Friends and partners, because of your great sacrifices, we can accomplish what God has called us to do—win lost souls. By your giving and prayers, we can continue to proclaim the gospel and at the same time,

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*Celebrate Recovery
Friday's @ 1 PM
Call (812) 401-4440*



*Pastor Mike Ballard and
Carl Rodenberg at
Valentine's Fundraiser*

Message from Pastor (Continued)

help the less fortunate. America has turned her back on Jesus, and we have to take our country back for the safety of our children – and their children, should the Lord tarry in his return. Almost every nation in the world hates America, the once most admired country in the world. I am reminded of Sodom and Gomorrah, where God said if there were only five righteous, he would spare the city. America has millions of righteous, and so we need to overtake the darkness. One new way of doing that at The

Potter's Wheel is by operating a halfway house for non-violent offenders fresh out of jail. A 4,000 sq. ft. home has been deeded to us by Dayspring Ministries, Inc., **paid in full**, and we are calling it "**Joseph's Place**." Just as Jacob's son, Joseph, endured slavery and prison, he rose through adversity by relying on God, acting with integrity, and accepting responsibility, to ultimately take the position God ordained for him. It is exhilarating to know that God has sent you (to support) and us

(to provide) the path of deliverance to the lost-and-down in this city. We need much prayer enveloping this new ministry. Help us continue to turn those in darkness toward that marvelous light of Jesus Christ. Thank you for sharing your prayer time and hard-earned money to keep the beacon of light shining in Evansville and the Tri-State. Always Loving / Always Serving, Pastor Mike Ballard Senior Pastor

EPIC Benefits Youth in Multiple Ways



*Lauren Van Hook (left) and
children at Glenwood School
during the EPIC program*

The EPIC 1:3 Vision

*"...To teach the inexperienced the ropes and give our young people a grasp on reality."
(Proverbs 1:3 Message)*

EPIC 1:3 is a youth ministry aimed toward reaching today's youth and sharing the news about Jesus Christ. Most children who attend EPIC are pre-teens from low-income families. Many come either because they have friends who also attend and/or they enjoy spending time with the mentors. One little girl comes from a family where both parents work full-time and have six other children. As the eldest of seven, she has many family responsibilities. The girl said one day during the program, "I love EPIC because I can take my

mind off of things at home and just have fun. Me and my friends like the games, and all of the leaders are really nice." The mentors – Pastor Kris Kappler, Lauren Van Hook and Debbi Murray – who run EPIC, strive both to develop meaningful relationships with the youth and to help show the children the love of God, while having fun at the same time. During the weekly meetings at The Potter's Wheel and Glenwood School, the mentors lead the children in songs of worship and have a "devotional" time. During that time, mentors

share how scripture applies to everyday life and explain ways that people can look to God to supply every need and desire. After the devotional, the mentors and children play games such as dodge-ball, basketball, karaoke, and mini-competitions. Not only is EPIC a place for children to have safe, clean fun, it is also an occasion where students can spend quality time with adult Christian mentors. Lauren Van Hook Service Learning Coordinator, USI

View From the Inside

A couple of months ago I didn't know anything about The Potter's Wheel, aside from hearing the name before. Now I have been able to experience quite a few of the amazing services it offers. From parenting classes to GED instruction, from youth programs to a substance abuse recovery program, there are so many services. But instead of talking about the services themselves, I would like to talk about the ways I have seen this place affect people.

I work mostly with

the children, and when they come to an event, their faces just light up. From the Bible verses we learn to the games we play, I can truly see how much the kids enjoy them. I didn't completely believe it before coming here, but I know now that just having someone who cares really does affect a child.

I am also thrilled with how appreciative people are of the services we offer. Some comments made by people who came to the Diner were: "Excellent. Friendly. Good food. They are a

blessing to the community. It's fun to be here. Comfortable. Safe. They have a good thing going on and have helped this community since opening."

In the end, the accomplishments of an organization are not about numbers and statistics, they're about the individuals truly touched. On that measure, The Potter's Wheel is certainly a success.

Amanda Schaefer
Youth Coordinator



Amanda Schaefer with a child from the ROAR program

The Mystery of AmeriCorps

What is AmeriCorps, and what does it do? Who can get involved? Who are those women running around The Potter's Wheel with AmeriCorps shirts on? What do they do?

AmeriCorps' mission is to engage its members in direct service and to address unmet community needs. The group's apt motto is: Learn, Connect, and Get Things Done.

Altogether, the AmeriCorps program offers 75,000 community service opportunities for adults of all ages and backgrounds. Members serve full- or part-time for one year through a network of local and

national nonprofit groups. Whether members choose to stay in their local communities or work elsewhere in the U.S., their service matters.

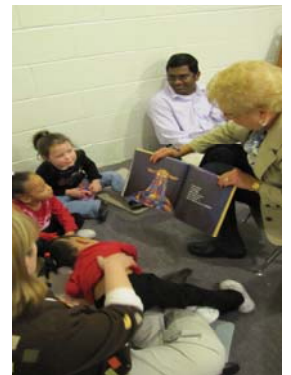
AmeriCorps members tackle such tasks as:

1. Tutoring or mentoring disadvantaged youth
2. Fighting illiteracy
3. Improving health services
4. Teaching computer skills
5. Managing after-school programs
6. Assisting crime victims
7. Providing GED assessments and tutoring

Each community service opportunity is an incredible chance to make a difference in a member's life and the lives of those around that person. Applications are available online (see the website address listed below).

Now, as to those ladies running around The Potter's Wheel with AmeriCorps shirts on: – Lauren Van Hook is a University of Southern Indiana undergraduate majoring in both French and English. Her desire to help others, especially children, led Lauren to

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ROAR coordinator, Marie Doud, and seminarian Xavier Raj from St. Meinrad teaching children to read





Valentine's Day fundraiser

Information Watch
Be on the Watch for
Info on Vacation
Bible School and
Summer Camp
 Coming Soon!

The Mystery of AmeriCorps (Continued)

join AmeriCorps. She helps The Potter's Wheel on Wednesdays and Thursdays, assisting with GED assessments and instruction. She also aids the EPIC [Equipping (young) People In Christ] program held at Glenwood School.

– Debbi Murray, having returned to school after many years, is also a USI student. A Social Work major, Debbi has volunteered since fourth grade. Her unique

perspective comes from being a foster parent, a volunteer in the juvenile court system, and a mentor through Boys and Girls Club. Debbi assists The Potter's Wheel with its GED, ROAR (Reach Out And Read) and EPIC programs.

Lauren and Debbi are among the legions of adults using AmeriCorps service as an avenue for putting ideals into action while also making new contacts, learning fresh

skills, and earning money for college. Anyone interested in doing the same can find out more by accessing the website: www.americorps.gov.

Debbi Murray
 AmeriCorp Member

One of the main goals of AmeriCorps is to meet the needs of the community

Valentine's Day Fundraiser Was Outstanding Success

The Potter's Wheel hosted its first annual Valentine's Day Dinner and Dance on February 14th at the Hadi Shrine Temple. A near-capacity crowd of approximately 150 attended, raising funds to support our outreach ministries, including Baby Basics, the Diner, the clothing bank, EPIC 1:3, ROAR, Celebrating Recovery and GED classes.

Thanks to our supporters who attended and made this inaugural event such a success.

We also owe our deep gratitude to those whose services contributed to making this fundraiser so outstanding. The music, featuring the lovely

voices of the Browne Sisters and our own wonderful Carl Rodenberg, was terrific. Many attendees enjoyed the after-dinner dance.

A special thanks goes out to the staff of Mary and Martha's Catering. They cooked the meal – and a great job they did! The tossed salad, grilled chicken, pork loin, vegetables, and chocolate or cheesecake for dessert were delicious.

Sumptuous cake balls were supplied by Michelle Rowland of Icing on the Cake.

If this year's exceptional party was any indication, you would be wise to mark your calendars for

Valentine's Day 2012. Plan to spend another memorable evening of dinner and dancing with the Browne Sisters and Carl Rodenberg.

Shari Bryant
 Board of Directors

Mark your calendar now for the
4th annual Christmas Extravaganza

November 19, 2011
 Evansville Armory

Shop for Christmas as you support
 The Potter's Wheel

Vendors, call (812) 459-6721 to inquire about booth space



Those who attended the Valentine's Day fundraiser on the dance floor



The Browne Sisters, Gina Moore and Joan Moore-Mobley

Remembering Our Mission and Vision

The Potter's Wheel Mission Statement:

The Potter's Wheel lives out Jesus' Great Commission to go and make disciples of Christ and to be a place of rest and strength for inner-city Evansville. We achieve this objective by providing for the spiritual, physical, emotional, and educational needs of those in inner-city Evansville, with the ultimate goal of having God transform lives.

The Potter's Wheel Vision Statement:

The Potter's Wheel will be a beacon of hope and a refuge of help and love within inner-city Evansville, seeking to serve God, facilitating an environment wherein God can transform lives.

Volunteer Opportunity

KEEP EVANSVILLE BEAUTIFUL



Please Join us for a neighborhood clean-up day

Area to be cleaned: 2nd Street to Linwood Ave.

& Washington to Monroe

Time: 9 am-noon Date: April 16th, 2011

Contact Person: Lauren Legate (812) 401-4440

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*If you help the poor, you are
lending to the Lord -
And He will repay you!
(Proverbs 19:17 NLT)*

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.potterswheelministries.com

Make a Donation to The Potter's Wheel

Making a financial contribution to The Potter's Wheel Ministries has great benefits. Not only do you feed the hungry, provide daily necessities for individuals and families, and provide a safe environment for people to learn and recover, you are also honoring God by your generosity. Countless lives have and will continue to be

changed – thanks to the donations from partners like you. All donations to and through The Potter's Wheel Ministries are tax deductible. Each person who gives or makes a donation will receive a tax donation receipt at the beginning of each year for tax purposes. Donations may be made online through PayPal at potterswheelministries.com

or via mail. Currently The Potter's Wheel is in great need of a 15 -passenger van to pick up the elderly for services and to transport children on outings and field trips.

GOING GREEN

If you want to help save the environment and resources, we'll e-mail the newsletter to you. Just e-mail us your e-mail address. Go green!

Weekly Sunday Services...

Worship Services are held Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm each week. Pastor Mike Ballard and Reverend Mike Kough lead the service.

The worship team consists of Holy Spirit-filled musicians and singers who lead the worship and praise portion of each service with uplifting music.

Visitors are most welcome and are treated as our special, honored guests. Sunday school classes are available for young children.

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