



THE MESSENGER

Your update from Crossroad Child & Family Services

New Leadership

By Andrea Colley
Communications Director

Crossroad's new President & CEO, David Mullins, has officially begun his role as the organization's 13th administrator as of Jan. 6.

David became Crossroad's Chief Operating Officer in 2009, and in that role oversaw the administration of treatment programs and services by Crossroad. He said it was not only the mission of Crossroad that drew him to the organization, but the fact that he could make a direct impact on the lives of children.

During his time as COO, he was mentored by former President & CEO, Randall J. Rider, who retired in January.

"I told Randy I was with him for the long haul, and that we made a great team. I learned a lot from him," David said. "He knew I had the passion to be a CEO."

The drive to become a CEO was in part due to the example set by David's father, who was the CEO of an organization similar to Crossroad. To reach this goal, David earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Ohio State University, a master's degree in psychology from Bowling Green State University, and a master's degree in business from the University of Northwestern Ohio. He is also a Diakonal Minister in the United Church of Christ and a member of the 2017 class of Leadership Fort Wayne.

Over the years David learned important lessons from his father about how to be an effective leader. "Always tell the truth, always be open and honest, always be transparent in your decisions and actions, and have integrity," he said. "Always know that the decisions you make are going to affect other people."

Looking to the future, David wants to be proactive in providing mental health services. He recognizes there will always be a need for residential programming, but is putting a focus on community-based programs like Children's Mental Health Wraparound (CMHW), Children's Mental Health Initiative (CMHI), and Family Preservation. Some of his other goals include developing after school programming, and working on a therapeutic foster care program.

He also wants to address needs that arose due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes continuing to develop telehealth capabilities to help those seeking mental health services in a safe way.



David Mullins
Crossroad President & CEO

Campus Update



Crossroad Academy is excited to join the New Tech Network for the 2021-2022 school year. The New Tech Network incorporates Project-Based Learning which is a “student-centered: method of teaching. It encourages learning through hands-on application of knowledge of skills gained in the classroom and creates opportunities for students to gain new skills tied to career and college readiness.

For children with complex mental health issues, PBL provides small group settings that make it easier to learn socialization and helps children integrate into class situations rapidly. It keeps their attention and allows them to learn. We are so grateful for the AWS Foundation and the Richardson Foundation’s investment in this exciting program, and are eager to share the benefit Project-Based Learning has had on our students!

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Our Mission

Crossroad creates promising futures for children in difficult circumstances by providing therapy, education, and family support services.

We raised
\$3,445
on #GivingTuesday!

Thanks to the generosity of people like you, we were able to surpass our #GivingTuesday goal! Each gift was a special blessing for the children we serve.

All of the money we raised on #GivingTuesday has gone to our Crossroad Closet, which directly benefits children on a near daily basis. Crossroad Closet is a program that allows us to supply our kids with items that they need for success. This can include clothes, shoes, coats, journals, and many other items.

Thank you again to everyone who supports us in this mission of creating promising futures for children - whatever it takes!

When a child feels stable, they are free to be creative, pursue academic goals, and engage with their peers in meaningful ways. Perhaps most importantly, stability provides a platform for healing and an opportunity to trust oneself and others. In partnership with you, our donors, Crossroad has provided transformative care for children for nearly 138 years. Hundreds of thousands of lives changed and families mended because you chose to give!

Your support is vital to providing a safe and loving home where children can build bright futures. We invite you to give the gift of stability by donating to Crossroad today. We are grateful for your continued support!



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 contact Mackinzie Sharpe,
 Gift Planning Director, at
 260.484.4153 ext. 2002 or
msharpe@crossroad-fwch.org.**

Crossroad Spring Needs List

Clothes

- Men's Underwear - boxer briefs in colors
- Men's Socks - no show or low-rise
- Men's Joggers
- Men's Shoes
- Women's Underwear - briefs in colors
- Women's Socks - no show or low-rise
- Women's Joggers
- Women's Shoes
- Boy's Underwear - boxer briefs in colors
- Boy's Joggers
- Boy's Shoes
- Girl's Underwear - briefs in colors
- Girl's Joggers
- Girl's Shoes

Supplies

- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Card Games
- Coloring Books

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