

Hearing the Story...

JESUS' LOST LAMBS

She grew up in crack houses, sleeping in cars and sometimes on the streets. She was into drinking and drugs, and destroying herself. She found God while in a narcotics treatment program. When she came to Cunningham Children's Home she was eager to learn more about this God.

Like a sponge soaking up water, she soaked up Bible stories told in chapel and small groups. One day we were discussing the story of the Lost Lamb. We had finished reading how the shepherd had left the ninety-nine and gone in search of the lost sheep, and I asked, "What do you think this story is about?"

"That I'm the lost sheep?" she responded. "Yes," I said. Then she said, "You're not going to believe this! All my life, I've had a little stuffed lamb. When I was little I named it 'Bunny' because back then I thought it was a bunny. Bunny is the one thing I've had with me all my life, even when I was homeless. He's dirty and almost worn out. But now I know why I've had him all along. I'm Jesus' lost lamb. He's been looking for me. And now he's found me!"

Rev. Gay King Crede, Chaplain, Cunningham

Our Conference, Our Kids

Sustaining Love's Embracing ARMS

With your prayers and financial gifts, you can join Chaplain Gay in reaching "**JESUS' LOST LAMBS**".
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Finding and Embracing Each "Lost Lamb"

Such is the work of our *Illinois Great Rivers Conference* agencies (*Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, and Spero Family Services*), which provide a variety of services for children and families in need in the communities of our conference.

Endowing the spiritual life programs of these IGRC child-serving ministries through the **Our Conference, Our Kids** campaign will offer financial support in:

- 1) offering an opportunity for these children to know Christ,
- 2) providing a Christian atmosphere for their healing, and
- 3) imparting a sense of family where none existed before...."

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Creating an endowment with a goal of \$2.5 million will help each agency to keep spiritual life ministries as a pillar in their holistic care for children and families.

Thank you for joining in this ministry through your gift to **OCOK Spiritual Life Endowment Campaign** (*Advance Special #6960*) through your local church.

Holding Cunningham in Prayer This Week

Please pray during Sunday worship and each day this week for those Sustaining Love's Embracing ARMS through the ministry of Cunningham Children's Home.

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Youth, Young Adults and Families Served by Cunningham
Program Supervisors
Case Workers, Social Workers
Teachers, Aides, Therapists
Unit Day Counselors, Overnight Counselors*

You can also continue to pray monthly for *Cunningham* by printing a prayer calendar at cunninghamhome.org