

Wayside Christian Mission Keynote Speaker  
May 28, 2013, 5:30 p.m.  
Hotel Louisville - 2nd & Broadway

- Thank you / Honor
  - I begin by thanking you – Wayside Mission
  - Wayside Mission – make a difference in our community – a big difference
  - And you help us do our job – achieve our mandate
  
- UofL
  - Great history and tradition
    - 1798 (place of consequence) – Jefferson Seminary
    - 1837 (Medicine)
    - 1846 (Law)
    - Over time other colleges – most recent Public Health

Skip forward

  - 1970
    - △ Another month
  - 1997 – watershed event
    - △ “the mandate”
  
- “Premier nationally recognized metropolitan research university”
  - △ Premier
  - △ “Research”
  - △ Metropolitan – DNA/Life of community/quality of life/economic opportunities
  
- Trajectory
- Video
- More to do
- Challenges
  - △ Fiscal

- PCPI – 80%
- Employment in Kentucky since 2007 – 120,000 jobs
- 13 budget cuts

△ Healthcare

- Sports at UofL ranking
- We rank 50<sup>th</sup> in smoking, 40<sup>th</sup> in obesity, 43<sup>rd</sup> in sedentary lifestyles, 41<sup>st</sup> in diabetes, 50<sup>th</sup> in cancer deaths, 49<sup>th</sup> in cardiac heart disease, 43<sup>rd</sup> in high cholesterol, 44<sup>th</sup> in annual dental visits and 48<sup>th</sup> in heart attacks.

△ Social Issue

- Teen pregnancy 10% > national average
- Kentucky child abused/neglected every 33 minutes
- 27% children live in poverty

- Despite challenges, it is critical that we continue to do best we can.
- We have developed strategies for moving forward in a tough fiscal environment.
  - Partnerships – 1+1>3
- Great partner for us is
  - 1) 2012 – Wayside receive our Community Partner Award – UofL/Office of Community Engagement

Nominated student –

“The partnership with UofL has resulted in immense growth in not only the families who participated in the program, but the students (like me) who took part in the program..... providing a chance for students to give back in a way that they never would have been able to do.

Student went on to say,

“Last night was the Resilient Family Program’s parent graduation.....the ceremony was inspirational and moving and there were tears shared by the parents and volunteers. The ceremony ended with parents saying “I am a resilient parent.” It was honestly one of the most

beautiful and real experiences of my life.”

“This experience is definitely the most unique and most gratifying experience of my time here at UofL..... We (I) now realize how much power we have to really help someone in need.”

and then the student concluded by saying

**“Wayside Christian Mission deserves this award because.....these families that they are supporting and helping to grow are some of the most beautiful people I have ever met and there is no one more deserving of the award than Wayside because they see the beauty in these families and work hard to help them see their potential.”**

Pretty Powerful – helping people/expanding our student educational experience.

In 2010 – Tim - Alumni Fellow from Kent School of Social Work

“For a quarter of a century, Tim Moseley has dedicated himself to this work. Sometimes in the face of political and community push-back, he has continued to be a strong voice for those who have no voice. This type of work may not be a quick route to community popularity. He has faced lawsuits and a great deal of “not in my back yard” criticism, but he remains steadfast in his advocacy and his role as social conscience on behalf of the “least of us.” Tim Moseley is the embodiment of social work values in his work with those who live on society’s margin. The Kent School of Social Work is proud to recognize him as its Alumni Fellow for 2010.”

And then:

Recently Wayside Christian Mission received the University of Louisville Student Philanthropy Award bestowed by the university's political science students. The award came about after Wayside Christian Mission was chosen as one of the sites of a student capstone project.

(Explain) The Mission responded by saying, "We are particularly pleased by the students' capstone project as this was obviously more than a mere academic exercise. The students came to the Mission, interviewed a number of our resident clients, and then, based upon their acute observations, created a tool that will assist our clients in transitioning back into the community. These students left no stone unturned. Their research into low-cost/subsidized housing will provide our resident clients and the case managers who assist them with meticulously detailed data that is absolutely vital in making proper housing decisions."

- Our organization – UofL – Wayside Mission – Different organizations
- Yet we work each day to achieve the same goals: Increase opportunity/Improve quality of life. We both face challenges but as Paul said, “we still have a race to run.”

God Bless you and Thank you!